

JOSSELYN'S WIFE

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CHAPTER X—Continued

"It's about that man your mother wanted you to marry?" Ellen suggested, after awhile, her arm still about Lizzie's shoulders. The girl nodded without looking up. "And Lizzie, should you marry him?" Ellen ventured.

"I love him!" Lizzie answered, in a choked and angry voice, after a moment's pause.

"You love him—You poor child! And he wants to marry you?"

"He says he will," Lizzie had writhed about so that her back was almost turned to Ellen, who had to bend forward to catch a glimpse of the flushed face and inflamed eyes.

"And don't you think you would be happier?" Ellen pursued sweetly, "don't you think you would be happier, if he loves you, and you—"

"He don't love me," Lizzie interrupted sullenly.

"But you said—"

"I said he'd marry me!"

The blood came to Ellen's face, and she sat back, feeling a little sick. She had read of the old tragedy a thousand times, but how much more poignant was this first encounter with it, this sickening realization of what it means to the woman to sue!

She had loved, and she had given, and now it was his royal prerogative to lift her up, and make her "honest," or to drive her to self-murder. Ah, life was hard enough for the Ellen, who kept a man's respect, but lose his love. But for the Lizzies—

"Lizzie," she asked timidly. "Are you—not yet?"

Lizzie had dried her swollen eyes, and their misery was turned toward Ellen.

"No, ma'am," she answered, with returning self-control, "if there was a baby coming, I'd marry him tomorrow. But he—he's a good man, Mrs. Josselyn, and he'd never be anything but shamed and kept down by a girl like me. And we done what we done like children might do something wrong," poor Lizzie added, with her eyes brimming again, "and all the time he was in love with another lady—I knew he was, but he didn't know himself how he had come to think about her—and so when we—when we said we wouldn't see each other no more, I thought that it was all over; and done with—except for the way I felt. But—but ma guessed it, and she was awful mean to me," the girl said simply, "and nothing ever seemed right again. I didn't want to go with any of the other boys, and I kept feeling what if I should marry some day, and have a little girl—"

She began to cry again softly. Ellen, whose face had grown ashen, sat staring at her blindly. Her heart was pounding; her brain in a whirl. She had heard those terms before—Lizzie had been Aunt Elsie's maid through an illness last winter—

"When was this, Lizzie?" she asked, clearing her throat. Mrs. Josselyn.

"Look at me," Ellen said, after a pause. "Look at me, Lizzie. Was it Joe? Was it Mr. Latimer?"

She saw the answer in Lizzie's eyes before the girl said quickly:

"No, ma'am! Oh, no, ma'am!"

Ellen could smile sadly as she shook her head.

"He told me about it, Lizzie. He told me all about it, but he didn't say it was you. I'm sorry. I'm so desperately sorry. You—you do love him?"

"Oh, my G—d, how could I help it?" the girl answered, with sudden violence. "I had never worked before, Mrs. Josselyn, and at home it was trouble—trouble—trouble! My father drinks and my sister's husband drinks—I've seen him hit her a few days before her children come! And your aunt was so good to me, and the captain treated me like I was his granddaughter, and everything was so pleasant and warm. And Joe always anxious for me to get enough to eat, and helping me with kindling and all, and one night tying up my finger where I'd cut it, and sometimes he'd kiss me, you know, and tell me I looked nice! And then one night he wasn't coming home, and the captain wanted some tobacco, and I run up street for it, after supper, and when I come back my feet were all sopping, and after I'd undressed, I come down in a wrapper, to get warm—"

Ellen could see the old Main street house. Her eyes were shining.

"I've done that a thousand times!" she said, half-aloud.

"And Joe come in," pursued Lizzie, "he was after nine, but he hadn't had his supper. And him and me went out and got something to eat—"

Her voice fell. Ellen did not speak.

"He's going to marry Miss Latthrop," Lizzie said presently. "But that can't stop me loving him, and remembering how he'd laugh when he was building the breakfast fire—and how I felt about him! I thought then we might get married, although I always knew it wouldn't be right for Joe—and she's rich, and all that, and—and of course he loves her—"

She stopped speaking, staring drearily ahead of her. Ellen was silent, too. But she kept one warm friendly little hand tight over Lizzie's hand, and in her troubled face there was no hint of reproach.

"You say he loves her," she said, thoughtfully, after awhile. "I think he does, too, in a way. But he has been most unhappy about this, Lizzie; I've seen it, only I didn't understand. He has been worried and uncertain—we've all been wondering what was on his mind. And I didn't understand. I thought it was some reckless girl—I suppose it's always this way. Only I never thought of you, Lizzie, so quiet and good and unselfish—no, don't begin to cry again. I didn't mean that unkindly. I blame myself—I blame myself—"

Thus Ellen, reaching for some guiding principle through all these mazes.

"Well! Some one will come in and find us here," she said, with sudden decision. "Go upstairs and bathe your eyes, Lizzie, and get Tommy ready for lunch. And don't worry, I'm going to think it all out!"

Comforted, the girl escaped, and Ellen ate her lunch in thoughtful mood, and afterward walked with Tommy to the station a mile away. She said nothing to any one at the house, but when they were on the road she told Tommy that they were going to meet Uncle Joe.

"How 'I know he was coming?" Tommy demanded.

"I telephoned him, dear," Ellen was excited; she trotted Tommy's small legs along in a spirited fashion. Joe, descending from the train, complimented them upon their cheeks.

"Of course you don't understand," Ellen echoed his greeting as she kissed him. "But I'll explain, Joe. I didn't bring the car because I want to talk to you, by myself. Trot ahead there, Tom. It's about Lizzie, Joe."

His honest, kind eyes flew to hers consciously.

"She told you?"

"She was going to kill herself, Joe. He walked along at her side for ten paces without speaking."

"My G—d—my G—d!" he said then, under his breath. And, after another silence, he said, suddenly and firmly: "I'm sorry, Ellen. I know how you and Gibbs will feel. But I can't stand it any longer. Perhaps other men can do it; I can't. I'm going away—get a job somewhere—and she's going with me. It's the only way, for me. She's a better woman than I am a man, because she gave herself where she loved. I thought I'd cut everything, and get out for a while, but now I see that this is the way out. I'll go, and I'll take Lizzie. We'll go now. I'll make it up to Lizzie, somehow."

"Oh, Joe, I love you!" Ellen said, tears and laughter in her voice. "I think that's the only way out! I know that you'll be glad some day."

Half an hour later she sent Lizzie out to the gate on some pretext, and Lizzie did not come back for almost two hours. When she did come, Ellen was playing with Tommy, and Tommy's stone blocks, on the nursery table.

"Mrs. Josselyn," Lizzie said, coming close to her, and laying one hand on Ellen's arm, "I hope God will make up to you what you done for me. I don't deserve you should treat me like this—but I'll never forget it! Mrs. Josselyn, we've been talking—and he's just gone down to get the four o'clock train, and he says we are to be married. And if God helps me—I'll be married. And if God helps me—I'll be married."

And Lizzie, turning her back suddenly, began to cry again. But Ellen knew that these were tears of joy. Her own mood was the more sober of the two as she went slowly to her own room. "The right thing is not always the easy thing," she mused apprehensively.

Now she must face Gibbs with this extraordinary news. And Gibbs, intolerant of Joe always, would find in this a complete confirmation of his poor opinion of the younger man. George Latthrop's dearest dream shattered. Harriet and a fortune flung aside, and Joe and a village girl, ungrammatical and unlettered, off to be married; the summary was disheartening indeed. And yet under all her uneasiness Ellen's heart was singing with the joy of a decision wisely made, and a hard step bravely taken. She left Lizzie tremblingly smiling.

Both Birds and Animals Subject to Epidemics

Dr. Herbert Fox, pathologist of the Philadelphia zoo and head of the Peppery laboratory at the university, has written a book on the diseases of wild animals and birds. For the last eighteen years Dr. Fox has been studying the tenants of the zoological garden—the only place in the world where such exhaustive work has been done.

Pulling a tiger's tooth or treating a hummingbird for tuberculosis is all the same to this man of science, observes "Girard" in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Dr. Fox has laid bare many startling results. Among others he found that tuberculosis was the "toe which swiftly depopulated monkey cages. Epidemics afflict birds as they do men. The inference is drawn that exact races of animals and birds were wiped out by disease.

A practical result of Dr. Fox's search is that monkey and other animals and birds may now live for a longer time in captivity than formerly.

And his experiments on the epidemics among birds may give the real clue for the startling and sudden annihilation of our wild pigeons.

Solving the Problem

There has been a good deal of argument about the way the young people carried on in the town square these evenings. Many of the city fathers thought it a public scandal, but they didn't have a big enough appropriation to employ special police.

The village hallwits, however, felt that he could solve the problem. He offered to do it for a can of black paint and two dollars. One of the town fathers was rash enough to furnish these requisites.

Next day the town was electrified to see that all the "No Parking" signs roundabout the square had, by the insertion of an "S" before the second word, become effective warnings to roguish youth.—Philadelphia Ledger.

and building Tommy such a tower as never had gladdened his eyes before, and went downstairs to the study. Her father-in-law was alone there, dreaming over a fire and a book, and smiling as she came in. Lillian had gone off with Mabel Pointdexter for dinner, he explained, and would be there all night. Ellen, seating herself, seemed to feel a certain lightening in the atmosphere with Lillian's departure. Presently Gibbs came in, silent and gloomy, to find them having tea. He declined Ellen's brief, civil offer with equal brevity and cold civility. He answered his father's questions delivered dryly, with patient monosyllables, and followed his wife upstairs to make himself presentable for the informal dinner.

In their room, Ellen nervously broached the subject of Lizzie. He was surprised, but his comments amazed her with their mildness, and he brought a pang of strange, unfamiliar pleasure to her heart by his final summary:

"I think you did right. Joe's not the first man who has made a fool of himself, but they may hit it off, after all. She's just as apt to make him a good wife as that empty-headed little Harriet. I respect him for doing it."

Ellen, sitting at her dressing table, felt a wave of happiness, almost weakening in its intensity, pass over her. To have him approve her again—to have the ice of the past months show the least break—

He was sitting by the fire. Now, glancing at him through her mirror, she saw him drop his head into his hands.

"Money!" she heard him say moodily. "What good would it do him? What good has it done any of us? I wish to God we had never come here! I wish to God we had stayed in Paris!"

Why did they go downstairs earlier than usual that night? Ellen never could remember. She remembered that they had not dressed, and that at about six o'clock she was following Gibbs down the wide, open stairway, when his father came across the lower hall toward them. The old man held the evening paper that Gibbs had brought from the city, in his hand. Ellen, on the landing, stopped short, agitated at the dark, angry suffusion of blood in his face.

"Look here just a minute, will you, Gibbs?" his father said in a shaking voice. His effort to control it gave it almost the effect of a shriek. Gibbs ran down the last stairs, and joined

him at once, bending over the paper as his father brought it to his attention. Ellen, standing where she was, and looking down upon them, felt herself beginning to tremble.

Gibbs read the indicated lines and (read his father. He seemed to tower over the old man.

"Well, what about it?" he asked at length, after a frightful silence. The two were measuring each other like wrestlers, Gibbs' eyes hard and angry, his father's look the soul of all that was suspicious and revengeful.

Ellen did not hear the old man's answer, which came in a quick, furious undertone, nor what he said again, after Gibbs had made an ugly response. Their faces were close together, and they looked straight into each other's eyes as they spoke. The sound of their tense, harsh voices, in this beautiful hall of so many perfect silences, seemed to Ellen full of sudden terror and menace.

"You're telling a deliberate falsehood!" she heard the old man snarl, and something was added to which Gibbs answered, in a measured, grating voice: "You shall not say that!"

By G—d, no man shall say that to me!"

And suddenly the dignified custom of the years dropped from both, and

they were like two hairy denizens of some primeval forest ready to spring and rend.

The storm had come so suddenly, and from so clear a sky, that Ellen had had no time to run for help, no time to think. She stood where she was, one hand gripping the carved dark wood of the rail, the other pressed against her heart.

"Oh, don't!" she whispered, unheeded. "Oh, what is it?"

She caught the words—"you should have your own father—lying your way out of it like a common—"

and then everything was unintelligible again until Gibbs, hoarse with passion, shouted suddenly:

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The AMERICAN LEGION

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ON "THREE-IN-ONE" MEMBERSHIP PLAN

"The membership machine of the American Legion is all rolled up for 1925," is the way Frank Samuel, director of organization and membership at national headquarters of the Legion, characterized the unprecedented pre-January activity and spirit of rivalry between units in the 1925 membership race.

The fundamental plan for getting members from now on will be based on a "three-in-one" combine, according to Mr. Samuel. The American Legion, auxiliary and 40-and-8, playground society of the Legion, working as a single interlocking, interlocking membership machine. "Three-in-one" membership machine will seek out, ferret out, and run down members wherever and whenever there are persons eligible for membership in the Legion. Details for handling the "three-in-one" membership contests will vary in different communities, but the idea will be the same always; that is, of creating a lively spirit of conquest among the Legion and auxiliary and the 40-and-8 in signing up members for the Legion. The "three-in-one" contests are formed with military units, baseball teams, drillable races or any other units where the element of competition is present.

With "three-in-one" voice the national leaders of the Legion, auxiliary and 40-and-8 have issued the call to arms to their respective Legions. Jim Drain, national commander of the Legion, thundered, "The least you can do and still rate a Legionnaire with character 'excellent' is your renewal and one new member. It is your duty. Do it now!" Mrs. O. D. Oliphant, national president of the auxiliary, determined, "The most practical way in which the auxiliary can justify its existence as a powerful supplementary force of the Legion is by getting out in the field and getting new members. We will do it!" George Dobson, chief de chemin de fer of the 40-and-8, commanded, "Get back of the Legion membership drive with the personal touch the 40-and-8 can supply and each Voyager sign up a squad of members for the Legion. Every man in the 40-and-8 is hereby made a corporal with the objective of taking seven members into the Legion to fill out the squad. Go get 'em!"

With such co-operation between the three great bodies of the Legion the membership machine has been "bitting on all four" throughout the width and breadth of the land. Departments and posts are going to have more members signed up for 1925 in a short time than they had for the whole year of 1924 if reports reaching national headquarters are any criterion.

"Last year at this time we had no 1924 membership cards; today we have more than 2,500 cards; paid up and received from 114 posts," was the bulletin from the department of Illinois reaching headquarters by November 15. Again, "At this date (November 10) a year ago we had just 21 members for 1924 paid up; we now have the first thousand members for 1925 paid up, from Michigan. So it goes throughout the Legion, belligerent and bustling with membership competition—the gist of bulletins these days read: "We beg to advise that we have just passed our 1924 membership and are herewith applying for a citation from national headquarters."

Kansas Auxiliary Aids Hospitalized Nurses

Here on the fringe of civilization, Fort Bayard, N. M., far from the glittering marts of cities and the delicacies and refinements of life that make the average American woman's existence a pleasing luxury, a group of disabled ex-service nurses of the World War awake one morning recently to gaze enraptured upon a kaleidoscopic array of silks, satins, furs and furbies. All the accoutrements, in fact, of dainty womanhood were there in great abundance. The American Legion Auxiliary of the department of Kansas, with keen womanly conception of "it takes more than merely clothing" to make a woman happy—what she wants is "clothes"—there's a difference. The forthright raised what they called a "Lace and Liberty" fund through popular subscription and bought the elegances which made the ex-service nurses hospitalized at Fort Bayard happier than any occurrence since the armistice.

Cumberland Post Wants Boat Named for City

Fort Cumberland post of the Legion, Cumberland, Md., will ask the mayor and city council to request the Navy department to name a light cruiser or gunboat for the city of Cumberland. It is pointed out that there has not been a ship in the navy for years named Cumberland. During the Civil War the wooden frigate Cumberland was sunk by the ironclad Virginia. The wooden Cumberland put up a good fight against its armored antagonist. This led to the clash between the Monitor and the Merrimack which revolutionized warfare at sea.

First to Sign Application

At a recent Armistice day celebration at Roselle, N. J., held under the auspices of the American Legion, there were many distinguished guests, but one among the number was distinguished among the distinguished; in fact, distinguished among some 700,000 American Legionnaires. We refer to Thomas Butler of Newark, who carries the proud distinction of being the first ex-service man in this country to sign an American Legion membership application.

Coal Has Bright Flame

Cannel coal burns with a bright, candle-like flame, and it is probable that the name is a corruption of candle-coal. This coal is found in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, and some believe that it is a product of an accumulation of animal as well as plant remains. The same kind of coal is found in Scotland, where it is called parrot coal.

Shore to be Continued.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

by MARY GRAHAM BONNER

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BOBBY'S BIG WISH

Of all the things that Bobby wanted or had ever wanted or would want, skates were at the head of the list.

He had had a pair for several years but they were the kind which he had to strap on his boots and they came off just when he wanted to go fast, and they never helped in the least.

Some of the boys had been given skates the year before and it really made them skate faster and better. They felt more secure and safe, and, too, as though they really could go chasing off after one another or do something really venturesome in a game when they knew that the skates wouldn't fall off.

Yes, Bobby wanted skates, or rather, he wanted skates and boots. He wanted the skates that would be fastened on the boots.

Then he could play hockey really decently. He felt quite sure of that. So long, long before Christmas he wrote a letter to Santa Claus, and this is what he said:

"Dear Mr. Santa Claus: 'My name is Bobby and I live at 52 Elm street. It is the street between Chestnut and Oak.

"We have a great many trees in our town, and lots of the streets are named after them. We have flowers, too, and one street is named Geranium street.

"But there aren't any flowers now, and there aren't any leaves on the trees, or anything.

"I don't mind that, though. Do you? 'I think trees and flowers are all right, but you can't have them and winter, too, and winter is too nice to miss.

"That is if one has nice skates. 'And now I'm getting to the point of my letter.

"I have horrid skates. They won't stay on or anything, and if I try to

go after another fellow a skate comes off, and first thing you know, Santa, he has made a goal.

"I would give anything for a good pair of skates—one that come on boots. You know the kind. You gave them to Billy last year. But I'm his age this year, and I'm hoping you'll be so kind as to give them to me.

"If you want to know about lessons and all that stuff I got good marks on the whole. One or two weren't much, but you wouldn't expect them all to be good, would you?

"But the skates would be fine. And when I made a goal I'd think of you. I don't want anything else at all—I mean if I can have the skates. I hope it will be all right with you and that you have a pair to spare.

"I hope you have a good Christmas and a nice plum pudding. Do you eat plum pudding, too?

Maybe you don't get back in time. But perhaps they save you some. I should think you'd have a whole of an appetite going over the country as you do out and in the cold and all.

I hope we have ice for Christmas—that is of course—well you know what I mean.

"But a cold Christmas is great, isn't it, Santa? I like the cold weather, and I bet you do, too. You never stayed away from our house even three years ago when the thermometer went way, way below zero and the pipes froze.

"And the plumber was having his Christmas, too, or trying to, when everyone telephoned him and begged him to come to their house first. I felt sorry for him and I gave him one of those big oranges you had put in the toe of my stocking. They were fine oranges, too.

"Well, I must close, as maybe I've written too much already.

"Your loving friend, "BOBBY."

"There," said Santa Claus, as he read the letter. "I knew when I was fixing up the skates-and-boots list that some one else would want that for Christmas.

"I've just the pair for Bobby. I hope he wins plenty of goals, and won't be fun if he thinks of me once in awhile when he's out in the crisp, cold air, skating over the smooth ice!"

"It looks as though there'd be ice in his part of the world for Christmas, too.

"Yes, it looks very much that way."

And Santa chuckled as he wrapped up a fine pair of skates and boots for Bobby.

Johnny's Construction

Teacher—Now, Johnny, you may make me a sentence with the word "degrade" in it.

Small Johnny—I have been promoted to the "D" grade class.

Flip Jimmie

Jimmie—Say, mister, gimme a pound of oysters.

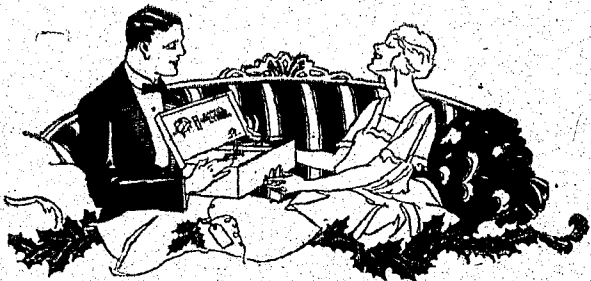
Dealer—We sell oysters by the measure, my boy, not by the pound.

Jimmie—Well, gimme a yard.—Progressive Grocer.

Saw Catskill Mountains

Freshie—When I was on a farm last summer I saw a cat kill a chicken.

Sophomore—Huh, that's nothing; when I was in New York last summer I saw the Catskill



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Entered as second class matter at the Postoffice, Grayling, Mich., under the act of Congress of March, 3, 1919.

The question of water-works in Grayling is one of the biggest questions the people here have ever been asked to answer. It is well that the people hear all sides of the proposition so that when they do vote they may be fully informed. Selling Hanson Company have called a meeting to be held at the Board of Trade rooms next Monday night. Every property owner in the city should be there, and every councilman should be there. This is a duty and we believe that it will be complied with.

SANTA MAKING KIDDIES HAPPY

GRAYLING POST 106 AMERICAN
LEGION TO PLAY SANTA
CLAUS TO CHILDREN.

Grayling Post 106 American Legion will play Santa to the kiddies of Grayling this year, and the members the past week have been busy securing the names of all children between the ages of one and twelve for old St. Nick. Children between the ages of 2 and 8 years will receive gifts and those between the ages of 1 and 2 and 9 and 12 sacks of candy and nuts. The little folks will want to be on the look out for Santa, who with his crew of helpers will begin their trip about the city soon after noon on Wednesday the day before Christmas. They have arranged their trip in five districts, first expecting to visit Districts Nos. 8 and 9 on the south side, and du Pont avenue, then T-town and Districts 6 and 7, making this section towards the middle of the afternoon. The downtown districts will be reached towards supper time.

SHOP EARLY—MAIL EARLY.

The Shop Early-Mail Early campaign inaugurated by Postmaster General New last year proved to be an unqualified success. It was of great benefit to the people and also enabled post office employees to deliver all the Christmas mail before December, the 25th. The department again this year asks the hearty cooperation of the public in order that the record made last year may be equaled, if not excelled.

When you shop early and mail early you are helping the clerks in the post office to eat their dinners home and you are greatly benefiting yourselves. You have a greater chance to secure a better selection of gifts from the store, you have more time to wrap them securely and you are sure that they will arrive at their destination in time to be opened Christmas morning. You are also relieving the burdens on the clerks behind the counters in the stores, and you are giving practical demonstration of the good will that Christmas time signifies. Acting Postmaster General, John H. Bartlett requests that you refrain from using small envelopes in sending your Christmas cards as it greatly retards the sorting and distribution of the mails. Let all of us pull together this year, do our shopping early and do our mailing early, let's make it a genuine old fashioned Christmas celebration.

The organizations which are backing the national Child Labor Amendment propose to give Congress power to legislate on this subject, controlling the employment of children up to the age of 18 years. It is stated that 38 states of the American union already place restrictions on conditions of employment for boys and girls under the age of 18 years.

PYTHIANS ELECT OFFICERS AND AWARD P. C. JEWELS.

The Pythians enjoyed a fine evening Wednesday night when past-chancellor jewels were presented to the new members who had served in the capacity as chancellor or who were deserving because of official service in the lodge. Also the officers for 1925 were duly elected.

Those selected for official lodge duty for next year are as follows:
C. C.—B. E. Smith.
V. C.—Roy Milnes.
Frelate—Clarence Brown.
K. of R. and S.—Lorane Sparks.
M. of F.—Herluf Sorenson.
M. of E.—O. P. Schumann.
M. of W.—Lyle Milks.
M. of A.—P. G. Zalsman.
I. G.—Carl Doroh.

Dell Weir is the retiring chancellor. O. G.—Byron Newell.

For commander Charles Gierke retires as major at arms. Past-chancellor jewels were awarded past chancellors Frank G. Walton, Holger Hanson, Carl Johnson, T. P. Peterson, and Emil Giegling, and past K. of R. and S., A. J. Joseph and past M. of F., Geo. W. McCullough. All were present to receive the honors except Mr. Walton, who now resides in Bay City, Mich. Johnson and Mr. McCullough. Their will be sent to them personally. The presentations were made by Past Chancellor Marius Hanson.

There was a good attendance. A banquet and smoker was served and all enjoyed a really Pythian evening together. T. W. Hanson acted as toastmaster and everybody partook in the speeches and many good suggestions were offered and many interesting and amusing events told.

The Knights of Pythias is generally known as a young man's order and prospects are good for a big year ahead of Portage Lodge. Plans are being made for many social events next year.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Having accepted the appointment for the Health Service Fellowship in Roentgenology at the University of Michigan, I will leave Grayling about January 1st.

Arrangements have been made with Dr. G. J. Dierkes of Kansas City, Mo. to take over my practice and residence. He will arrive in Grayling within a few days. The latter is a graduate of one of the western colleges and is a successful physician and surgeon and I am sure will be well received and well liked in Grayling.

I have enjoyed my work here in Grayling and formed many warm friendships all of which I am reluctant to leave, but feel that I should not neglect to accept the fine opportunity that comes to me from the University.

Dr. H. H. Pool, M. D.

UNIVERSAL DRAFT.

Government authorities and various patriotic organizations are working on a plan for a universal draft law, whereby capital, material, and labor, as well as fighting men, may be pressed into service in the event of war.

The grave injustice of compelling the able-bodied men of the nation to serve on the battlefield for a dollar a day, while other citizens grow rich through excessive war profits, has been commented to every right thinking person.

If the money power and big business know that war means sacrifice for these interests, as well as for the men at the front, we will find their influence directed towards peace.

In other words, it should be so that no person can possibly make money out of war. And when there is no money to be made out of war, there will be less war.

We trust that we may never have to engage in another armed conflict but if this cannot be avoided, then everyone should share the hardships and the losses which war brings.

The proposed plan for drafting all the resources of the nation for its defense should have the hearty support of all citizens.

FREDERIC NEWS.

Our bazaar on December 6th, notwithstanding the bad day netted the Ladies Aid \$75.00, besides a social time for the members.

Henry Leeman who has been on the sick list is out again.

Mrs. Frank Monroe is in Mecosta county visiting her aged father who is in poor health. She has gone there to give him Christmas cheer.

The banquet last Monday night was a very enjoyable affair, especially the address by the Free Methodist minister of Grayling who was present with a number of other Grayling people. Last and not least was the good hot coffee and lunch which the gentlemen furnished. Maple Forest was well represented.

George Sheldon and family entertained the audience with good music. Mrs. Albert Lewis entertained her brother Frank Leng, wife and friends of Flint last week.

Mrs. McKay had the misfortune to fall last Monday, jarring her up a little, which means no small thing to a person of her years.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Charron drove to Pontiac and Ann Arbor to see their youngest child who is taking treatments.

Rev. Kunsman of Port Huron, M. P. president, will be here for services next Sunday, December 21, nothing interfering, especially the elements. Eli Forbush and wife have deserted the farm for the winter for the quietness of their town home.

Mrs. Charles Bender is here from Marion, Ohio, visiting her children for over the holidays.

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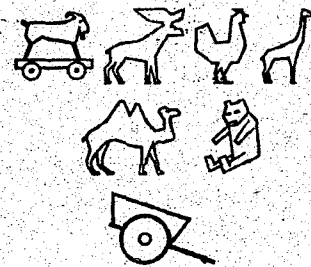
The Avalanche
Phone 1112.



Let Santa Claus Bring a Real Present!

THERE are a few homes that really can call themselves complete. Perhaps there is some little nook or corner that would be made more inviting and eye pleasing, it contained one or more of the special pieces we offer in this event. As a holiday gift we know of nothing that will bring greater appreciation than any of the pieces we offer.

Toyland



YOU'LL find them here—all the nicest gifts that Santa Claus could find for little boys and girls, and grown-ups, too! You'll enjoy a visit to Toyland. It's open now. Come soon—a royal welcome awaits you at Santa Claus' own headquarters.



* Brownie Gift Box.

A complete picture making, picture keeping outfit, including number 2 Brownie Camera; two rolls of Kodak films, Kodak portrait attachment, 50 leaf Eastman Album, Kodak photo Paste, one year's subscription of Kodakery.

It's a barrel of fun in a box. Any youngster will get good pictures from the minute he starts shooting on Christmas morning. Price \$5.00. Step in and see it.

Our display of Furniture and Gift goods offers valuable suggestions and a visit to our store now will help you solve many of your gift problems.

Gift Furniture

RUGS
FANCY MIRRORS
PICTURES
BOOKS
KODAKS
GAME TABLES
CHINA
GLASS WARE
ELECTRIC LAMPS
COLEMAN LAMPS
COLEMAN LANTERNS
CAMP STOVES
CAMP DISHES

JOYS

DOLLS
GAMES
DOLL FURNITURE
DOLL CARRIAGES
TOY TABLES
TOY CHAIRS
TOY DISHES
COASTER SLEIGHS
COASTER WAGONS
SKIES
ROCKING HORSES
KIDDY KARS
VELOCIPEDES

Sorenson Bros.

"The Home of Dependable Furniture"

LOST—MONDAY NIGHT, AN ADJUSTABLE back to a child's sled, between the Lorane Sparks home and downtown. If found kindly leave at Avalanche office. 12-18-2

LOST—SATURDAY A HEAVY truck weed chain, between Tony Nelson's barn back of the saw mill and downtown district. If found call Wm. Evans at Wa-Wa-Sum. 12-18-2

FOR SALE OR RENT—6 ROOM house in good location, and in good condition. Mrs. Mary Turner.

FOUND—QUANTITY OF MONEY recently. Owner must prove ownership, and pay costs of adv. Apply at Post Office.

WANTED—A MAN TO DO CHORES in the country for the winter, for his board, Address Box 67—Grayling. 12-18-2

FOR SALE—2 PAIR SNOW SHOES, new; 2 black and tan hounds, 100 steel traps, 1 beagle hound. Nate Smith, ad Ave, Mich. care of R. DuKelow, Route 4.

FOR SALE—25 bushels potatoes, by the bushel or whole lot. Geo. Patton, South side.

FOR SALE—2 COWS, 2 CALVES, 5 pigs, 1 Brood Sow, must sell at once. Will help to deliver. Apply at Avalanche office. 12-18-1

HOUSE FOR RENT—GOOD LOCATION. Inquire at residence of E. G. Clark, Cedar Street.

FOR SALE—CUTTER FOR SALE cheap. Also one organ. Inquire of Albert Moon, Beaver Creek town ship.

ROOMS TO RENT—INQUIRE AT Avalanche office. Mrs. Martha A. McMaster.

HOUSE FOR RENT—INQUIRE AT Avalanche Office. Phone 1112.

HIGHEST MARKET PRICE GIVEN for Furs, in trade or cash. Frank Dreese.

FOR SALE—MY HOUSE, LOT AND Garage, at a low price. Call at my store. Frank Dreese.

STOPS CROUP

Mother's want it, for it quickly clears away the choking phlegm, stops the hoarse cough, gives restful sleep. Safe and reliable.

CHAMBERLAIN'S
COUGH REMEDY

READ THE AVALANCHE.

By Request==

I had intended to continue my Sale, for the benefit of my many patrons. Being rather late to insert the ad, I am at this time extending to you what the people are so eagerly looking for, and "how to stretch that dollar," so much needed in many families.

Ladies 4 Buckle

Galoshes, \$3.39

Children's 1 Buckle
at \$1.29

Silk Hose

Hundreds of pairs of
Ladies Silk Hose all colors worth \$1.25 for 89c

Also Silk and wool, Black and White, Brown and White and all colors at \$1.25

Children's Hose

"Mothers," Black Bear
Hose for Children. All Sizes, to please all.

Men's Shoes

Men's 16 eyelet all Rubber Motormens shoes. Going fast, only 1 Case left at \$3.45

Men's dull finish gum

Rubbers at \$1.15

Heavy red and white

soles at \$1.59

Men, 4 Buckle Artics

at only \$3.69

Soo Wools

Soo Wool Shirts at only

\$3.98

Soo Wool Pants \$6.45

Home Spun Sox 60c

Home Spun Mitts 48c

Oh! Mamma!

You ought to see the nice shoes for Baby Sister and growing children, just arrived and at a low price.

Rubbers

Ladies Rubbers at 85c

Smash Bang!

Men! Sheeplined Coats at \$8.25

A few Snappy Styles in Young Mens Overcoats left at \$22.00

Remainder at \$24.00 and \$19.85

Colors to suit you.

Those Peter's Oxfords should be seen to be appreciated, Spring Styles in light Tans. Mothers come and look at the Two Toned Shoes in Tan. The Black and Tan for Children.

I Wish To Thank You at this time for your liberal Patronage.
I Will Try and Supply all Necessities in my line during the Coming Year.

Wishing One and All a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

FRANK DREESE



Christmas Candy Supreme!

Our Candy is as much a part of the Christmas spirit as Holly and old Santa himself. Goodies for young and old that are delightfully wholesome and always appreciated.

Ours is the Christmas Candy Supreme. Give it to your friends and relatives and it will add to their enjoyment of the holiday season.

Real Cigars

Yes sir--men, here are real cigars. Full, rich and plenty of body so you know you are smoking, but are not strong. Order a box today. You will need them for yourself and your friends at Christmas time.

Fountain Pens

A Fountain Pen is a gift that always pleases--but be sure you choose to fit the recipient's requirements. Dainty for ladies and regular sizes for men.

Christmas Books-- Everybody's Friend.

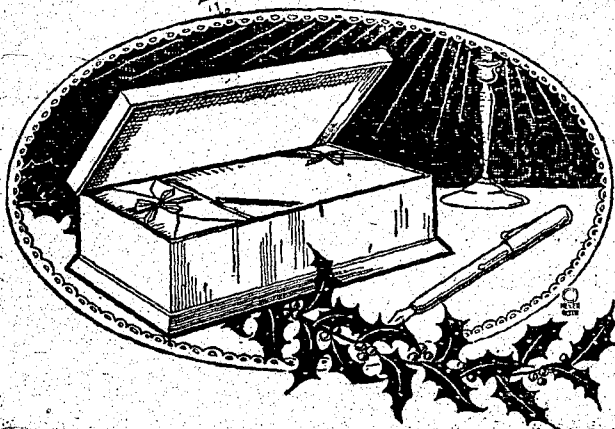
Gifts for all the family will be found in our complete Book department, Children's stories, Modern fiction, Classical, Popular poetry, all remarkable offers.

Pocket Knives

A pocket knife is something everybody needs. We have them in the dainty, vestpocket styles to the more practical kinds for general use by men and boys.

Perfumes and Toilet Waters

Perfume is one of the most delightful gifts you could give. We offer a pleasing array of choice scents, either in bulk or handsome bottles. In Toilet waters we have everything you could desire. These make gifts that are always appreciated.



Stationery--Well Chosen

There is a satisfaction that your gift will be appreciated. Stationery carries with it that assurance that the recipient will always appreciate it. Our stock is complete with the very choicest styles and grades.

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THE REXALL STORE

CANDIES & CIGARS
CAMERAS & TOBACCO

LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1924.

New silk and satin hats at the Gift Shop.

All Cripples is reported as being quite ill at home.

Miss Mae Richardson spent Sunday at her home in Roscommon.

Mrs. Frank Kernes and children are visiting her sister Mrs. Edward King in Flint.

Mrs. A. E. Mason and son Frederick visited relatives in Bay City Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben DelaMater and daughter, Muriel are spending the week in Detroit.

Daniel Hoesli, local Standard Oil Company Agent was in Saginaw on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson spent a few days in Detroit last week, remaining over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson spent a few days in Detroit last week.

Read the ads and Shop Early.

Men! Take advantage of the one-fourth off sale of suits.

Grayling Mercantile Co.

Owen Cameron who has been traveling with the Gorman Ford Stock Co. is spending a couple of weeks at his home here.

Mrs. J. K. Hanson returned Thursday from a month's visit with her daughter Mrs. C. C. Westcott and family in Detroit.

Mrs. Lillian Barnes was the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Turner a few days last week enroute from the Soo to Pontiac.

Don't miss the basket ball game tomorrow night, December 19th, between Grayling high school boys team and the Roscommon high school.

See the local high school boys team in action in their first game of the season when they play the Roscommon high school tomorrow evening.

The annual Christmas tree and program for the children of St. Mary's church will be held Monday evening December 22nd at Temple theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson spent a few days in Detroit. Mrs. Hanson returned home Tuesday. Mr. Hanson going on to Green Bay Wis., to attend a lumbermen's meeting.

An explosion in the engine room of the Kerry & Hanson Flooring Company, caused quite a blaze at about 6:30 Monday morning. With the aid of the factory employees the fire was soon gotten under control by the company's water system, although the city department had been called.

Another shipment of nice party dresses just received.

Grayling Mercantile Co.

Fred R. Welsh is in Chicago on business.

Game Warden Reuben Babbitt was in Gladwin on business Thursday.

Ladies coats at one-fourth off. Grayling Mercantile Co.

Mrs. Mary Evans will leave Saturday for Lapeer to remain over Christmas.

Frank Tetu returned Wednesday afternoon from a business trip to Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith, Jr., have moved to the Burke Apartments.

Miss Margrethe Hemmingsen was in Saginaw a couple of days this week on business.

A special Christmas dinner at Shoppenagon Inn from 12:00 to 2:00 p. m. Price \$1.00.

Miss Joy Routh, teacher in our schools slipped down the school steps Monday spraining an ankle.

Get ready for the annual Charity Ball to be given on New Year's eve, December 31. All are cordially invited.

Include the Avalanche among your Christmas shopping wants. We will send it to any address you may desire.

Before buying your Xmas Gifts be sure to look over our stock. We have many nice gifts on display.

Central Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cripps are happy over the arrival of a Xmas gift--an 8 pound daughter born Monday, December 15th. Lois Mae is her name.

Kiddies be on the look out for Santa Claus, who will begin distributing his gifts about the city beginning early in the afternoon of the day before Christmas.

Mr. Litchfield of the Litchfield Construction company, who are erecting the new Michigan Memorial church is in the southern part of the state on business.

Mrs. Charles Hewitt and little son of Bay City have arrived to spend Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fletcher at the Military reservation.

Miss Eleanor Schumann arrived this afternoon from Western State Normal college, Kalamazoo to spend the holidays visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Schumann.

There seems to be no reason why a person who has need to use his car these winters shouldn't run it. Snow don't seem to hold up the traffic very much. Of course there is little desire for joy riding.

Sam Johnson, who is employed in the Ford plant at Iron Mountain, arrived home last week, owing to suffering with blood poisoning in one of his limbs. The infection resulted from a mere scratch.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Adler Jorgenson was hostess to the members of her club. Three tables were played and the prizes were taken by Mrs. A. Kraus and Mrs. Victor Smith, after which a lunch of dainty appointments was served.

Mrs. Mary Goudrow, and Mrs. Josephine Conklin and sons John and Bernard left Wednesday to spend the holidays, guests of the Jacob Collins family at Linden, Mich. Before going to Linden they expect to spend a few days in Detroit.

Mrs. H. A. Bauman entertained the ladies of the Bridge club with a delightful luncheon Saturday afternoon at the Shoppenagon Inn. The guests then went to Mrs. Bauman's home and played cards. Mrs. M. Hanson held the highest score.

The Christmas tree for the children of the M. E. Sunday school will be held at Danob Hall Tuesday evening December 23rd. The parents are also requested to be present. Come and bring the kiddies and enjoy the program that will be given.

Dr. Don M. Howell announces that he has opened offices at 753-7 David Whitney building Detroit. Dr. Howell is a former physician at Grayling, and recently returned from Europe where he had been to pursue studies of his profession.

At the regular meeting of Grayling Council Knights of Columbus, last night, Alfred Hughes, who has been in charge of the secretarial work for the past two years was presented with a beautiful gold ring bearing the K. of C. emblem from the Council for his faithfulness.

The Girl Scouts have made application to Mr. R. Hanson for the use of lot back of Dr. Pool's residence, for an ice rink. Of course the privilege was granted and an offer of other assistance with it. There are now two companies of Girl Scouts and both are active in scout work. The young girls are now earning funds for use in next summer's camp.

The Grayling Auto Sales Co., dealers in Buick and Dodge cars and used cars, have closed their sales rooms next to Shoppenagon Annex for the present. Mr. Charles Kinney, the local representative, says that he will have to have the place open for about a week in the middle of January to close up some orders that have been placed for that time, after which the rooms will be closed again until early in March, when they will be re-opened for the season.

St. Mary's church will as usual observe the Christmastide with special services. Previous to the midnight mass, or between 11:30 and 12:00 o'clock there will be a musical program given by the Nurses' choir, composed of the nurses of Grayling Mercy hospital, with Miss Rose Cassidy at the organ; Miss Trudo will render a violin solo. At the midnight mass St. Mary's choir will sing the hymnal, the service closing with benediction. A low mass at eight o'clock Christmas morning will be for the children.

Register of Deeds Andrew Hart is re-writing all the county abstracts into new volumes. Some of these records date back to 1851 and are becoming indistinct and illegible. This will entail many hours of hard work on the part of Mr. Hart, which he does at odd times when he is not at his regular work. The records are being copied in typewriter and are a big improvement over the old ones. At present there are twenty large volumes. When re-written they will occupy about five volumes. The property owners of Crawford county who have occasion to refer to these abstracts surely appreciate this volunteer and unrequited service on the part of Mr. Hart. It is interesting to note the earliest report on record in these books, it being the granting of section 1, town 28, north, and range 3 west, to St. Mary Fall Canal company.

Place your orders for fancy ice cream for Christmas--The famous Connor's World's Best.

Olat. Johnson & Sons.

When you think of House Slippers think of Olson's.

C. J. Hathaway Optometrist of Pontiac will be in Grayling, Dec. 29 & 30, to look after his optical practice. 12-11-3

The 18 pupils of Mrs. Andrew Brown's Sunday school class enjoyed a party at Danob hall Saturday afternoon. Decorations were carried out in Christmas colors. After a program of games the girls enjoyed refreshments.

Mrs. Squires, county nurse, reports that all children of Grayling schools have been weighed and measured. Mrs. Squires requests us to remind the children not to eat too much candy and sweets at the Holiday time and also to be careful about over-eating at all times. Santa Claus, she says, may provide any youngster with a tooth brush if there are any who have none. Let her know. The mothers seem to be so busy just now but after the holidays they will be requested to visit the schools.

Fire wiped out the farm home of Theodore Leslie in Beaver Creek township at 10:00 Monday morning. Mrs. Leslie was away from home and Mr. Leslie was out in the yard repairing a sleigh and thought he smelled smoke, and on going into the house discovered the ceiling on fire. The fire had such a start that after getting his two children to safety, one of whom was ill and in bed, he only succeeded in removing a mattress and a couple of trunks. This is indeed a sad misfortune to this family, who were just getting started having purchased the property a few years ago. They had a large supply of groceries on hand and \$40 in money in a bureau drawer, besides all their clothing was burned. The loss was covered by a small amount of insurance.

STORE NEWS.

See the miniature cedar chests at the Gift Shop. Something entirely new.

New three piece Two-Toned ivory sets at the Gift Shop. Prices to suit your pocket book. B. A. Cooley.

House slippers for the whole family at Olson's.

Just received a new line of Swiss and American wrist watches for ladies. Prices from \$13 to \$50. At the Gift Shop, B. A. Cooley.

Converse rubbers and Goloshes cost no more than the ordinary, and wear twice as long, at Olson's.

Parker Duofold Pens and the Rig-Bro large pencil as well as the smaller sizes. Get your pick before the stock is depleted.

Central Drug Store.

Mrs. George Barber of Cheboygan will be at The Hat Shoppe Friday and Saturday, Dec. 19 and 20, with a full line of art goods.

5 more days to shop before Christmas. The Gift Shop can supply your wants until the last minute.

Felt, Leather and Satin slippers at Olson's for the whole family, at very low prices.

Fill the Christmas stocking with Sorenson's pure candies and nuts.

Get our prices on wool and kid gloves before buying elsewhere; prices reduced from now until Christmas, at the Gift Shop.

Knit Felt Shoes \$2.75 values at \$2.90 at Olson's.

You are sure to find a gift that will be appreciated among the beautiful things in art that I will have on display at The Hat Shoppe Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. George Barber. Christmas boxes, all sizes, at the Gift Shop.

Middleton work gloves and mittens at Olson's at bargain prices.

Dolls! Dolls! Prices reduced on dolls from now until Santa Claus appears, at the Gift Shop. Mrs. Cooley.

Fine dress hosiery and heavy wool socks for sale at Olson's make good Xmas presents.

Infants' and children's Wool sets. Prices reduced from now until Christmas. The Gift Shop. Mrs. Cooley.

For a dainty gift in fancy work call at The Hat Shoppe, Friday and Saturday of this week, Dec. 19 and 20. Mrs. George Barber of Cheboygan will be here.

Fine Xmas Gifts, Goloshes, hosiery, house slippers, and felt shoes at Olson's.

Remember all dresses and coats at 1-4 off from now until Christmas at the Gift Shop. Mrs. Cooley.

You can now have your new Victrola so as to take any Radio receiving set. The famous Victor sound chamber makes a very fine amplifier.

Central Drug Store.

Let us renew your magazine subscriptions. Why bother to send the order direct. We can furnish or renew your subscription for any regularly published magazine or periodical.

Avalanche, Phone 1112.



EATON'S HIGHLAND LINEN

Selecting a gift can be made as pleasant an experience as receiving one. Particularly when you choose from our stock of holiday writing paper. There is no gift more acceptable than Eaton's Highland Linen.

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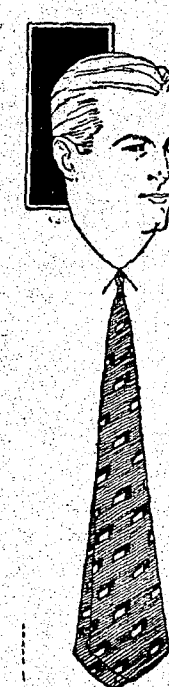
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GUIDE FOR SHOPPERS

The Question of "what to give" is best answered at the Store of Practical Gifts.

We invite you to come in and see the display of useful holiday gifts on display. Gifts for Men, Women and Children and Tiny Tots.

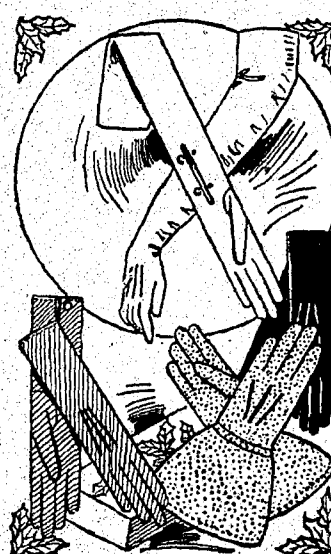
Gifts for Men



Gloves Ties Shirts Garters
Slippers Mitts
Handkerchiefs
Bath Robes
Underwear
Overcoats
Caps Scarfs
Suits
Hosiery



Gifts for Women



Hosiery Gloves
Handkerchiefs
Bath Robes
Boudoir Caps
Bed Spreads
Flannel Gowns
Lingerie Blouses Slippers
Sweaters Dresses
Garters
Aprons Towels



Gifts for Girls

TAMS GLOVES MITTS
HANDKERCHIEFS
SWEATERS
DRESSES
KNIT CAPS
HOSIERY

Gifts for Boys

MITTS TIES CAPS
HANDKERCHIEFS
SHIRTS GLOVES BLOUSES
BLOUSES
BATH ROBES SLIPPERS
SWEATERS HOSIERY
MACKINAW

We are closing out all dolls at \$1.00

Our Best Wishes

Without the door let sorrow lie
And if, for cold, it hap to die.
We'll bury't in a Christmas pye
And evermore be merry.



Grayling Mercantile Company

The Quality Store

Phone 1251

Michigan Happenings

Road commissioners of three counties in the upper peninsula will place before the next session of the state legislature resolutions adopted by the county boards asking that certain roads in Menominee, Delta and Dickinson counties be adopted as part of the state trunk line system. Proposed as trunk lines are route 81 from Escanaba to Cedar River, route 90 from Foster City across Menominee county to Narenta on route 12 in Delta county, and the 17-mile Foster City-Wacedah road in Dickinson county.

The executive committee of the Michigan State Grange has taken action which is expected to line up virtually all of the powerful farm organizations of the state against the proposed law sponsored by the Michigan State Teachers' Association, and Thomas E. Johnson, superintendent of public instructions, to increase inheritance and foreign insurance company taxes for the benefit of the primary school fund.

The state supreme court has held the Voorhes-Baborski anti-gambling law invalid. The decision was based on the failure of the house journal to show that the bill had been read a third time before being passed. The law was held invalid when the supreme court denied a motion for a writ of mandamus to compel Judge Christopher E. Stein of recorder's court, Detroit, to issue a warrant under the act.

The United States Air Mail has purchased the "Maiden Detroit," a Detroit-built, all-metal, seven-passenger monoplane of the Stout Air Pullman type. The war type planes now used by the Air Mail can carry only 500 pounds of mail. It is believed the Air Pullman will be able to carry 2,000 pounds at the same speed and no greater cost of fuel and overhead.

The State Supreme Court has affirmed the conviction of George Almasby, alleged professional bondsman of the Detroit courts. He was found guilty of perjury in the Wayne County courts after he had represented himself as free from incumbrances and gone bail for a man named Greenspon, who was held on a charge of violating the liquor law.

Fraternities will aid in the entertainment and clothing of needy boys of Ann Arbor during the Christmas celebration immediately before the beginning of the holidays, according to Earl Blaser, chairman of the Christmas celebration committee of the Student Christian association.

An indictment charging embezzlement of \$6,000 in postal funds has been returned against Edward B. Nelbor, former postmaster at Reeman, Newaygo County, by a District Court grand jury. He is said to have obtained the money by drawing postal orders.

Henry Stroup, 45 years old, slayer of 18-year-old Russell Olinger during a drunken quarrel at Niles, on Sept. 14, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced by Circuit Judge Charles E. White to serve 14 to 15 years in Jackson prison.

Search still continues to 17-year-old Iola Phillips, daughter of A. M. Phillips, who disappeared mysteriously from her home in Grand Rapids, December 2, when she was carried away in an automobile in which three men were riding.

John Lovell, 22 years old, and unmarried, of Jackson, was electrocuted at Augusta when working near a transformer. Forty thousand volts passed through his body before fellow workers could shut off the current.

Russell Ferguson, 30 years old, of Childsdales, an employee in the Childsdales Paper Mills, at Grand Rapids was crushed to death when his clothing caught in a large pulley.

For the first time in history, the Ann Arbor community fund reached its quota, oversubscribing its budget by \$1,485.65. The total amount raised was \$50,442.96.

Manatee has been selected as the west Michigan headquarters of the Michigan state police, with Corporal Hathaway in charge of the post.

Walter "Red" Farrar has been elected captain of the Western State Normal football team. He is a resident of Nagaunee, Mich.

Bank bandits held up a bank of the Bank of Detroit and took over \$5,000.

George K. Spees, 4 months old, son of Benjamin Spees, of Grand Rapids, died in his crib from suffocation which, according to J. B. Hilliker, the coroner, resulted when the infant pulled the covers over his head.

Fearing that sand bars would tie up navigation in western Michigan port cities the government has returned the General Meade, a dredge, to that district. At present the dredge is working at Grand Haven, and will go to Muskegon and Holland shortly.

The Ypsilanti City Milk Producers' Association is the name of a new organization of 21 milk dealers supplying this city with milk. The new association was formed at a meeting of 27 milk dealers. Charles Campbell was elected president.

Heavy claims for damages from sheep killing by dogs will be presented this year to the township board by farmers of Linden, it is said. Nearly a dozen farmers in Fenton township have suffered losses.

Manufacturers and shippers throughout the state are preparing through the Michigan Manufacturers' Association to oppose with all the force they can command the proposition to create a new basis for making freight rates in the territory north of the Ohio river and east of the Mississippi. The new basis would probably mean an increase in Michigan inbound freight rates of about 12 per cent, and on outbound freight approximately 18 per cent. Hearings on the proposition are scheduled to begin before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, Feb. 7.

Emil Zupke, of St. Joseph, 24-year-old slayer of May Raber, was sentenced to life imprisonment at Marquette by Judge Charles E. White in Circuit Court. Zupke waived all trial rights and went before the court with a plea of guilty. Following the requirement of law he was given a formal hearing. Zupke reiterated his story of how he choked the Raber girl to death the night of August 6, and hid her body in a clump of bushes at Metzger's Crossing, a lonely spot a few miles south of the city.

Egbert "Happy" Dyke, confessed slayer of Miss Millie Fleming, Ottawa county school teacher, has been sentenced by Judge O. S. Cross to serve from seven and one-half to fifteen years in Jackson prison on a manslaughter charge. The maximum term was recommended. Dyke killed Miss Fleming in a woodshed of the school where she taught near Conkila. He evaded officers for a day but confessed the slaying after capture. The killing followed the refusal of Miss Fleming to return Dyke's love.

The state licensed more than 850,000 automobiles in the first 11 months of this year, a report completed by Charles J. DeLand, secretary of state shows. This compares with about 730,000 cars for the entire 12 months last year. The exact figures for the 11 months of 1924 were 774,316 passenger cars and 82,637 trucks, as compared with 657,145 passenger cars and 73,510 trucks in 1923. Revenues from license fees this year amount to \$11,240,423. All records have been shattered this year.

Reports by federal investigators on the explosion at the Grand Rapids postoffice November 12, which caused three deaths and injured nearly a score of persons, will be withheld until court action is taken, it has been stated. Grand Rapids postal inspectors are said to have filed reports in which they declare illuminating gas was the cause of the blast and their opinion is said to be upheld by the report of government officials.

A trout planting school for the benefit of sportsmen, will be held late in the winter at the state fish hatchery at Comstock park, under the auspices of the state of the Isaac Walton league. Dwight Lidell, superintendent of the hatchery, will direct the school. By teaching sportsmen how trout should be planted, it is believed the annual loss of fry will be reduced greatly.

The Grand Trunk elevator at Port Huron, with its contents of 600,000 bushels of grain, was destroyed by fire and the steel cage, Alexander Matland, loaded with 150,000 bushels of barley, which was moored to the dock unloading its barley cargo, was seriously damaged. The loss roughly estimated will total about \$1,000,000.

Names of poor families in Sturgis who will not be able to have a Christmas dinner will be given to persons who wish to help these unfortunate to have a merry Christmas, Bernard McKay, chairman of the Welfare league, has announced. The Elks helped these families to a Thanksgiving dinner.

George W. Smith, Bay City, dead motorist in the car that figured in the head-on collision at Frankenmuth Junction, of two Michigan Railroad company interurbans, was blamed for the wreck in the verdict returned by a coroner's jury here.

Submission of a \$300,000 bond issue next spring for the erection of a memorial to the service men from Grand Rapids is assured through introduction of a resolution before the city commission.

The Boyne City Portland Cement company, with a capital stock of \$2,000,000, has been organized. Temporary officers include: W. H. White, president; L. W. Seigel, secretary and treasurer.

Mayor John W. Smith of Detroit, has appointed Charles P. O'Neill as corporation counsel to succeed George A. Kelly, resigned.

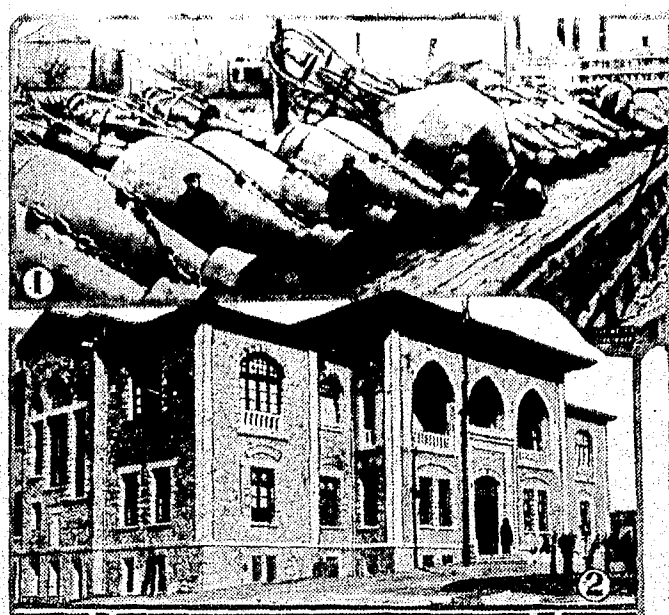
Drillers struck gas while drilling for water on the John Wilder farm, one mile west of Hillman.

Christ Spohr, of Dundee, has been named receiver for the Dundee Michigan Foundry Co., by Circuit Judge Jesse H. Root. The total assets of the corporation are listed at \$2,999.14 and liabilities at \$18,110.43.

James Johnson, 43 years old, and James Caldwell were killed in an explosion of a steam pipe in a tunnel between two plants of the Buick Motor Co. at Flint. The men were working on the pipe at the time of the explosion.

Victor Nelson, 17 years old of Iron River, was killed when a revolver held by Bertha Mattison, 14 years old, was accidentally discharged, the bullet entering the boy's forehead just above the right eye.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the People's Coal Mining company of Albion, it was decided to start the mining of coal. The company has been placed in receivership following financial difficulties and the mine has been idle since last March.



1—Navigation being closed in the St. Lawrence from Montreal to the sea, automatic gas buoys are hauled up for winter storage at Sorel, Quebec. 2—New parliament house of Turkish republic at Angora. 3—Book-Cadillac hotel in Detroit, just opened, said to be the tallest hotel in world.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

British Stand Checks the Funding of Debts to U. S.—Germany's Elections.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

NEGOTIATIONS for the funding of war debts owed the United States by foreign nations may be checked entirely by the position taken last week by Great Britain as represented by Winston Churchill, chancellor of the exchequer. Discussions between Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and Ambassador Jusserand relative to funding the French debt aroused the fear in England that France would be granted more favorable terms than were given to Great Britain. Mr. Churchill, explaining his government's position to the house of commons, said Britain would insist on equal treatment with any other nation in this matter and added: "It is essential that any payment by our debtors in Europe to the United States should be accompanied by a simultaneous and proportionate payment to us."

Speaking for the Liberals, Sir John Simon called England's position "intolerable" and said: "Our allies owe us some £3,000,000,000, involving a yearly interest on the debt of £130,000,000. We are paying our debt to America, but none of our allies dreams of paying us anything." Washington officials declared positively that there was no reason to expect a reopening of the funding agreement with Great Britain, a request for an understanding to that end having already been flatly refused.

Another controversy arose when Austen Chamberlain, British foreign secretary, notified Secretary Hughes that, in the view of his government, the United States was not entitled to collect war damage claims against Germany out of what the reparations commission receives from Germany through the Dawes plan. France, Italy and Belgium have agreed to support the American claim to the right to share in the reparations. Great Britain holds that America has no such right at all, having made a separate treaty with Germany. The point is made that the United States should follow the example of the allies by using the sequestered German property within its borders to meet the claims of its creditors against Germany.

Washington forwarded an answer to England which, while expressing the belief that the matter could be settled amicably, firmly rejected the British position and insisted on America's right to receive payment for war damages out of the reparations funds. Unless the question is settled previously, it will come up when the allied finance ministers meet in Paris next month to decide upon the distribution of German payments.

GERMANY'S continued support of the Dawes plan was fully well assured by the result of the Reichstag elections. The three republican parties—Social Democrats, Catholics and Protestants—have 230 seats, which is just a few short of a majority. The three monarchist parties have 170 seats. The balance of power lies thus held by hitherto weak groups like the Bavarian People's and Peasants' parties. Doctor Dernburg is quoted as saying the elections show that "a majority of the Germans are for the honest carrying out of the pledges of the Dawes plan, and moreover, for honest co-operation in the international affairs leading to peace and reconciliation. Germany at present is negotiating for entry to the League of Nations and other international relations. The elections show that the people favor this program and oppose the extremists' efforts to break it."

"I believe a coalition of the middle parties will result. The Democrats are ready to co-operating with the republican parties, which stands with the reactionaries. The three republican parties will be able, with the aid of two of the small parties, to form a republican government. Once this is begun it is possible that the People's party will be eager to join, because

the People's party wants a place in the government, no matter what its political complexion."

For the present the People's party has refused to go into a coalition which would include the Socialists, so, according to dispatches from Berlin, the cabinet headed by Chancellor Marx has decided to resign. The outcome may be the formation of a bourgeois ministry to include the Nationalists, whose opponents wish to maneuver them into an impossible situation.

Baron Ago von Maltzan, secretary of state of the German foreign office, has been appointed ambassador to Washington to succeed Herr Wiedfeldt, who has resigned. Baron Maltzan is credited with possessing great diplomatic ability. He was chiefly responsible for the treaty of Rapallo between Germany and Russia which caused such a sensation during the Gause conference of the great powers.

THE League of Nations council opened in Rome what might have been an important meeting had it not been found necessary or advisable to yield to the demands of the British. Austen Chamberlain told the council the Baldwin cabinet needed more time to examine the security and arbitration protocol and insisted that consideration of it be postponed until March, which was agreed to. A delegation from Egypt urged that the council take cognizance of the protest of the Egyptian parliament against the recent "wanton British attack," but here again British influence prevailed and the league secretariat announced it could not recognize the protest because it did not come from the Egyptian government.

Mr. Chamberlain had long conversations with Premier Herriot and Mussolini, and afterward intimated that great progress had been made toward a complete accord of Great Britain, France and Italy on vital questions. Among other things, it was agreed that Britain should remain in the Rhineland, retiring from the Cologne bridgehead in January but occupying some other region, probably that of Coblenz which was held by the Americans after the armistice. They also discussed the problem of North Africa, with what result is not known.

FRANCE, as well as some other central European countries, has been making a campaign against the Reds within her borders because of their attempts to incite revolution and murder, and many of them have been arrested and deported. Premier Herriot was subjected to bitter attacks for his course, but defended himself skillfully and won a vote of confidence of 300 to 20 in the chamber of deputies.

Over here in the United States the communists received a jolt when the Michigan Supreme court upheld the conviction of Charles E. Ruthenberg for violation of the state syndicalism law. It is presumed that as a result W. Z. Foster, in whose case the jury disagreed, will be retried and that Benjamin Glows, Ross Pastor Stokes and others who were indicted will be brought to trial.

MUSCLE SHOALS was by agreement the subject before the senate until disposed of, and it gave rise to some lively debates. The Underwood bill was up for action, and despite warm opposition it appeared likely to pass. Senator McKellar of Tennessee declared it was drawn in the interest of the Alabama Power company and that its terms would be even less favorable to the government than a bid made by that concern. The Republican steering committee of the senate agreed that controversial measures such as the world court membership proposal and repeal of the income tax publicity clause shall be omitted from the legislative program for the present session.

The senate on Thursday passed the cruiser and battleship rehabilitation bill which the house passed last session. It carries about \$140,000,000 for construction and alteration and, although there is no provision for gun elevation, it will bring the navy almost up to the 5-5-3 ratio, according to Representative Britten.

The house was busy with the annual supply bills and quickly disposed of the appropriation measure for the interior department, which carries a to-

tal of \$238,000,000. Western Republicans and Southern Democrats prevented the elimination of an amendment for continuance of 39 land offices in Western and Southern states. The agricultural appropriation bill was then taken up and seemed to meet with little opposition in any of its parts. Among its items is one of \$80,000,000 for road construction.

SUPPLEMENTING the gloomy reports of the secretaries of war and the navy in the annual report of the advisory committee for aeronautics which President Coolidge transmitted to congress, it gives a startling picture of what might happen to this country in time of war because of our deficiency in aircraft. Here is an extract:

"No one can foretell at this time what the use of aircraft will be in future wars, not even in the next war. It is safe to say that there will be individual and group fighting in the air; there will be aircraft attacking troops on the ground both with bombs dropped from great heights and with machine guns mounted on low-flying aircraft protected by armor from ordinary rifle bullets; there will be bombing of large centers, and routes of communication and transportation."

"And it has been proposed that aircraft be used to drop poisonous gases, not only on the enemy troops, but also behind the lines and in the centers of population, to the same extent that long-distance bombing will be carried on. The bombs carried may not be limited to explosives and poisonous gases, but may possibly be loaded with germs to spread disease and pestilence."

"Without limitations on the uses of aircraft in warfare, a nation fighting with its back to the wall cannot be expected to omit to use desperate means to stave off defeat."

TWO immense gifts to the American public for educational and charitable purposes were announced last week. James B. Duke, tobacco and power magnate, created a trust fund embracing properties worth at least \$40,000,000, to be increased later to \$80,000,000, for education, church and hospital work in North and South Carolina. The trustees are instructed to spend part of this in creating a university to be known as Duke university, provided Trinity college at Durham will not consent to change its name to Duke, which it probably will not do.

The other benefactor is George Eastman, head of the Eastman Kodak company of Rochester, N. Y. He announces new gifts of \$12,500,000 to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Rochester, Hampton Institute and Tuskegee institute. This brings Mr. Eastman's known benefactions up to \$58,602,000, of which nearly \$24,000,000 has been given to the University of Rochester. Explaining the donations of \$1,000,000 each to Hampton and Tuskegee, he says:

"Almost the entire attention of educators has been devoted thus far to the white race, but we have more than 10 per cent negro population in the United States, most of whom are densely ignorant. The only hope of the negro problem is through proper education of the Hampton-Tuskegee type."

SAMUEL GOMPERS, who went to Mexico City for the Pan-American Federation of Labor convention and was elected its president, was taken seriously ill there and was placed on a train and hurried home. At the time this was written he was small hope for his recovery. He had been in very poor health for some time, and it was believed the altitude of Mexico City affected his health.

August Belmont, known throughout the world as a financier and a sportsman, died rather suddenly in his New York residence at the age of seventy-one years. Mr. Belmont financed the first New York subway and was the chief figure in the building of the Cape Cod canal. For a great many years he was one of the leaders in American thoroughbred racing.

Another notable man who passed away during the week was Mahlon F. Utley, former associate justice of the United States Supreme court. About eighteen months ago he was forced to retire by two strokes of paralysis and he never recovered from them.

race known as the Mayas, which was copied later by the Aztecs. "The Mayas in Yucatan achieved higher things in art and literature as well as in science. They were the inventors. The Toltecs immediately preceded the Aztecs and doubtless gave them the benefit of Maya civilization. "The Aztec records cover about two centuries prior to the Spanish conquest. The Aztecs ruled their captive tribes with a high hand, taking from them the tribute which enabled them to build their cities."

MAKING GOOD IN A SMALL TOWN

Real Stories About Real Girls

By MRS. HARLAND H. ALLEN

KNITTING NETS NEAT SUMS

ALL THE nation needs knit-wear. That's why home knitting is more than the nice, but more or less unnecessary, occupation which the uninitiated consider it. The big factories, it is sometimes presumed, can take care of all the knitting that is necessary. "But they don't," insists one woman who started a big knitting business in a small way, "for the home knitter not only exists, but she is an important factor in the business."

It's true that she doesn't always knit by hand now-a-days, she adds; if she has gone into the business seriously, she has probably procured for herself a knitting machine.

This young woman, living in a small Michigan town, started a "knitting factory" in her own kitchen. She "peddled" her wares from door to door, knowing that every person in town was a possible customer. Her idea "direct from mill to home" made a hit, and she soon found it necessary to install two knitting machines, and to employ girls to run them. From that small start has grown an organization running six hundred knitting machines, and employing eight thousand workers.

The small town girl who wants to take up knitting as a profession should start in on a small scale, knitting by hand, or buying only one machine.

Even before the present vogue for knitted outer-wear, the need for knitted stocking and underwear kept knitting needles and machines busy. Formerly, objections to a complete costume of knit goods were that it was too "stretchy," that it lost its shape almost before the buyer could get it home, and that it was not becoming to anyone weighing over one hundred and twenty pounds. Recent manufacturing methods have, in part, overcome these objections, and recent dressmaking methods have done the rest. Knit wear is fashionable; and the small town girl knitter should keep up on the fashions. She will then know just what knitted novelties are salable. If she is expert, she will be able to make, herself, the scarves, gloves and caps sportswomen are asking for; but for complete garments, she will, in all probability, need an expert tailor's aid.

Right now, when women are demanding complete knitted costumes, with all knitted accessories, is the time for the girl with the knitting needles—or machine—to "make good."

BOARDING, WITHOUT BORING, THE SUMMER GUEST

VARIETY, not satiety, is the objective of the summer boarder.

He wants "eggs with the cucumber attached," and he'd like to sample every vegetable in the garden—but not all at the same meal. That's the conclusion of a girl who has seen several summers at "taking in boarders. Her town is something of a resort; her "paying guests" are, tired-out and more or less critical critics.

"They want fruit from the tree and not from the can; they want cream that has never seen the inside of a chemist's laboratory," she declares. "They want what they can't get in the city. What they do not want is a poor imitation of metropolitan fare—and they don't want to see the table unattractively overloaded with coarse country foods, either."

The professional summer hostess should, then, provide the vacationist with simple foods, daintily and attractively served. Two green vegetables, besides potatoes, are enough for that type of food. She should always have some fresh wild flowers on the table; and she can garnish the dishes with a lettuce leaf or a bit of parsley.

She may increase her margin of profit by continuous replating of her kitchen garden, thus assuring an abundance of fresh vegetables all through the season. Small fruits from her own bushes and vines; plenty of milk, butter and cream all are cheap and good. A few hives of bees to supply honey are an excellent investment. The poultry plant should be enlarged to provide fried chicken as a regular thing, not just for "Sunday dinner." The rabbit pen is good for an occasional rabbit-pie or fricassee, a pigeon loft is easily managed—and, the hostess should remember, broiled squab is a luxury that comes high in city hotels.

She may economize legitimately on her laundry bills, too, by discarding the heavy cover-all tablecloth in favor of dollies and runners, or the new luncheon sets of decorated oil-cloth, which are both practical and artistic.

But she cannot afford to confine her activities to the dining room. The entire house must be clean and well-kept, pictures appropriate. She may decide to solve the problem of room scarcity by renting tents—which in many cases will be more popular than the rooms. The hostess may provide a tennis court, and a playground for children at little cost. If there is water, divingboards, fishing-tackle and canoes are easy to furnish.

She must "put her house in order" both in-doors and out.

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Puttin' It Up to Daddy

We are told that millions of people in this country have only the mentality of children, but after trying to answer our children's questions we are inclined to think that is enough—Cleveland Times and Commercial.

Law's Bad Effect

At the beginning of the Christlapp era an equal liberty in regard to divorce was established for women. Thesettina's orgy of matrimony was thus made possible.

MARKETS

U. S. BUREAU OF MARKETS
Washington, D. C.

Fruits and Vegetables

Potatoes fairly steady with a slight upward tendency in a few markets and at eastern shipping points. New York sacked round whites \$1.10@1.25 per 100 pounds in eastern cities, 85¢ f. o. b. Rochester. Northern sacked round whites mostly \$1.10@1.15 in city markets, 80¢@ \$1.10 carlot sales in Chicago; 55¢@76¢ f. o. b. New York. Danish, Jersey cabbage, 100 lb. @5¢ lower at \$16.20 bulk per ton in eastern cities; steady at \$12.24 f. o. b. Rochester. Melons continued to advance. Best New York yellows brought \$2.50@3.00 sacked per 100 pounds in eastern cities; \$2.50@2.75 f. o. b. Rochester. 2 Midwest yellows mostly \$2.50@3 in consuming centers. Midwestern white varieties \$2.50@3.75 in Chicago, Virginia and West Virginia. York Imperial apples slightly weaker at 35¢ per barrel in New York. New York Gravenstein apples ranging \$2.25@2.50 in eastern markets. Northwestern extra fancy winesaps \$2.25 @3.50 per box in Chicago.

May market steady to strong account less favorable weather in some sections. Timothy barely steady with dullness in eastern regions continued to advance. Firm. Quoted: No. 1 timothy, Boston \$25.50; New York \$25; Pittsburgh \$21; Cincinnati \$24; Chicago \$22.50; St. Louis \$24; Kansas City \$17; Memphis \$22; Denver \$18.75; No. 1 alfalfa, Kansas City \$23.50; Omaha \$17; Denver \$16.50; Minneapolis \$22. No. 1 prairie, Kansas City \$12.50; Omaha \$12.50; Chicago \$17; St. Louis \$17; Minneapolis \$16.50.

Feed
Wheat and corn feeds very firm at higher prices. Linseed and cottonseed meal also steady but duller. Light production and colder weather has stimulated speculative buying of wheat mill feeds and forced prices to higher level. Consumers, however, active buyers but volume of buying not large. Higher corn prices causing farmer to hold market for gluten and hominy feed. Alfalfa feed steady.

Grain
Grain market nervous at higher level. Cattle future steady, but high, on rapid absorption or arrivals and claims excessive damage to Argentine crop. Wheat market nervous continued to advance. Argentine reports. Oats, rye and flax higher. Quoted: No. 1 dark northern, Minneapolis \$1.30; No. 2, \$1.25; No. 3, \$1.20; Chicago \$1.17; St. Louis \$1.18; Kansas City \$1.13; No. 2 hard winter, Chicago \$1.22; No. 3, \$1.19; Minneapolis \$1.16; St. Louis \$1.17; No. 2 mixed corn, Chicago \$1.23; No. 3, \$1.20; Minneapolis \$1.16; St. Louis \$1.17; No. 2 yellow corn, Chicago \$1.23; No. 3, \$1.20; Minneapolis \$1.16; St. Louis \$1.17; No. 2 white oats, Chicago \$1.16; No. 3, \$1.13; Minneapolis \$1.10; St. Louis \$1.11; No. 2 white oats, Chicago \$1.16; No. 3, \$1.13; Minneapolis \$1.10; St. Louis \$1.11; No. 2 white oats, Chicago \$1.16; No. 3, \$1.13; Minneapolis \$1.10; St. Louis \$1.11.

Butter
Butter markets very unsettled during the week and barely steady at the close. Acute about steady but duller. Heavy use of storage butter continued. Conflicting reports on supply and demand generally indicate make still showing no gain. Foreign markets about steady. Closing wholesale prices: No. 1 cream butter, New York \$1.25; Chicago \$1.24; Philadelphia \$1.23; Boston \$1.22.

Live Stock and Meats
Chicago stock prices ranged from steady to 10 cents lower for the week. Cattle and good beef steers 75¢ lower to 25¢ higher at \$5.00@5.75; heavy steers, 10¢ higher to 25¢ lower at \$3.15@3.18; feeder steers steady at \$4.50@7.50; light and medium veal, 10¢ higher to 25¢ lower at \$14.16; feeding lambs 50¢ higher at \$15.15; veal, 10¢ higher to 25¢ lower at \$13.50 and fat ewes 25¢ higher at \$4.50@9.25.

In eastern wholesale fresh meat markets beef is 50¢ lower to 50¢ higher; veal, mutton and pork steady to 1¢ higher; lamb, 10¢ higher to 25¢ lower. Prices good grades meats: Beef \$14.40; veal \$14.18; lamb \$22.25; mutton \$12.15; light pork loins \$9.77; heavy loins \$10.61.

East Buffalo Live Stock
EAST BUFFALO—Cattle: Steady. Hogs: Strong. Heavy, \$10.25; mixed, \$9.50; 60¢; yorkers, \$9.50@10; pigs and lights, \$8.50@9. Shippers, \$10.25; 10¢ lamb, \$16.25; yearlings, \$12.00@13; weathers, \$9.50@10; ewes, \$8.50. Calves, \$12.

DETROIT QUOTATIONS

Live Stock
CATTLE—Good to choice light yearlings, dry fed, \$5.00@5.75; best heavy steers, dry fed, \$4.50@5.25; best heavy steers, dry fed, \$4.50@5.25; mixed steers and heifers, \$3.50@4; heavy butchers, \$3.50@4; best cows, \$2.50@3; butchers cows, \$2.50@3; cutters, \$3.50@4; canners, \$2.50@3; choice light calves, \$4.50@5; stock bulls, \$3.50@4; feeders, \$4.50@5; stockers, \$4.50@5; milkers and spotters, \$4.50@5.

CALVES—Best, \$1.50@1.12; milk to good, \$9.11; culls and common, \$6.75@7.50.
SHEEP AND LAMBS—Best lambs, \$15.00@17.50; fair lambs, \$12.50@14.50; light common lambs, \$10.50@12.50; \$7.14; fat to good sheep, \$7.50@8; culls and common, \$3.50@4.
HOGS—Medium, \$9.50@10; pigs, \$8.50@9.50; rough, \$8.50@9.50; 10¢ lamb, \$16.25; yearlings, \$12.00@13; weathers, \$9.50@10; ewes, \$8.50. Calves, \$12.

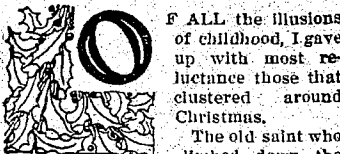
WHEAT—Cash No. 1 red, \$1.11; No. 2 red, \$1.07; No. 3, \$1.04; No. 4, \$1.01; No. 5, \$0.98; No. 6, \$0.95; No. 7, \$0.92; No. 8, \$0.89; No. 9, \$0.86; No. 10, \$0.83; No. 11, \$0.80; No. 12, \$0.77; No. 13, \$0.74; No. 14, \$0.71; No. 15, \$0.68; No. 16, \$0.65; No. 17, \$0.62; No. 18, \$0.59; No. 19, \$0.56; No. 20, \$0.53; No. 21, \$0.50; No. 22, \$0.47; No. 23, \$0.44; No. 24, \$0.41; No. 25, \$0.38; No. 26, \$0.35; No. 27, \$0.32; No. 28, \$0.29; No. 29, \$0.26; No. 30, \$0.23; No. 31, \$0.20; No. 32, \$0.17; No. 33, \$0.14; No. 34, \$0.11; No. 35, \$0.08; No. 36, \$0.05; No. 37, \$0.02; No. 38, \$0.00; No. 39, \$0.00; No. 40, \$0.00; No. 41, \$0.00; No. 42, \$0.00; No. 43, \$0.00; No. 44, \$0.00; No. 45, \$0.00; No. 46, \$0.00; No. 47, \$0.00; No. 48, \$0.0

Merry Christmas to All



Christmas Time

By THOMAS A. CLARK
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ALL the illusions of childhood, I leave up with most reluctance those that clustered around Christmas.

The old saint who climbed down the chimney into the fireplace in our sitting room and filled our stockings on Christmas Eve was as real to me as Moses or George Washington or my grandfather or any other person of whom I had heard but whom I had never personally met. He is to me real today when I am in reminiscent moods, perhaps because I have always wanted him to be real. Long after I recognized all the subtleties which were being practiced on me as a child at Christmas time, I never admitted them even to myself, for I was quite willing to submit to the deceptions; I was made happy by all the ceremonies and surprises.

I have never in all my life been away from home at Christmas time; I hope I never shall be. Christmas joys are for me the most delightful; Christmas memories, the most precious. Everything about our holiday preparations at home was of the simplest character, but the season was full of possibilities and surprises. The dinner lacked the conventional roast turkey. Instead there was a roast goose or a huge joint of roast beef, following the English custom with which my mother was familiar with sweet dumplings and gravy. There was always, too, a loaf of spiced bread and plum pudding with a delightful sauce of drawn butter, and there was mince pie followed with nuts and raisins and other goodies.

Just as "home" always suggests to me sugar cookies, hot from the oven, with mother warning me not to eat so many as to make myself sick, so Christmas



mas invariably brings to my mind the thought of raisins. They were in the spiced bread which mother made, the plum pudding was congested with them. I found them always on Christmas morning in my stocking with other good things to eat, and there was regularly on Christmas day a dish of them on the table to be eaten after dinner. It was not altogether what we had to eat that gave Christmas such a high place in my regard, though that helped materially, no doubt. It was the mystery, the anticipation, the preparation and the surprise of it all; the gathering together of all the family, the games, the roaring fire in the fireplace, and the general hilarity and good will prevailing that made Christmas for me the best loved of all the holidays of the entire year.

"We are rather outgrowing Christmas," a friend said to me a few days ago. "I don't believe it is ever going to be for any one again just as it used to be."

I suppose not; though there are some events connected with the celebration of Christmas, there is the real Christmas which I am sure I shall never outgrow. If I should hang up my stocking by the fireplace now, I feel just as sure as I ever did that old Saint Nick would get in some way before morning and fill it as he used to do when I was a child. My faith in Christmas has never waned, and my need for it. I practice economy badly at any time,

but with the greatest difficulty at Christmas time, and especially since the prices of my own particular varieties of frankincense and myrrh have been so affected by the economic conditions. It is what is in our hearts that makes Christmas real. The song of the angels is in the air if the Christmas spirit is in our hearts, Christmas is as great a reality as it ever was, if we will make it so, and for us all the



angels are again proclaiming as they did that night in Palestine, centuries ago, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

I shall hang up my stocking at Christmas Eve, there will be raisins in it in the morning. I have faith that the old Christmas joys will be mine once more.

A Load of Christmas

By Frank Herbert Sweet

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HOLCOMB did things in a peculiar way—a peculiarly nice way, though. It affected his Christmas gifts, his business, even his friendships. But then he was a bachelor of fifty. Then, too, everybody loved him, which is a very peculiar thing about a successful business man with competition, you'll admit.

This year Holcomb was very busy, and his Christmas gifts—general gifts, you know—hadn't even occurred to him until two days before the day.

He was passing through a new street between a restaurant and his office, when he saw a small shop with windows crammed with toys—nothing but toys. At this season, nearly the middle of the afternoon, a toy shop ought to be crowded with customers. This shop was closed. On the steps stood a small, anxious looking man, and a big one dangling a large key. It looked like a store key.

Seemed peculiar. So Holcomb went to the steps.

"Like to look at the toys," he began. "Can't now," boomed the big man. "This chap can't pay a bill, so I've taken it. Auction day after tomorrow. I'm sheriff."

"Meaning," said Holcomb, "that if the bill is paid, the store belongs to this man again? How much?"

"Of course—and \$200."

"What's it all worth?" to the little man.

"About \$50 if sold at auction," de-

REFLECTORS

IF WE could reflect the spirit of Christmas cheer half as brilliantly as a piece of tin will reflect the rays from a lamp, we should help to light the world to an amazing degree.

Who can hold out against a smiling face that radiates fun and kindness? Who is cold enough to resist the melting warmth of real friendliness?

Let's pretend, this Christmas, that we are very bright, and imitate the modest tin reflector of the lamp of unquenchable good-fellowship!—Martha Banning Thomas.

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CHRISTMAS EVE THE CHRISTIAN REGISTER

I LIKE to think that every house is full of cheer tonight; that everywhere—on every hearth—warm fires are burning bright. God give our homes the gift of cheer. For no one ought to grieve On such a happy night as this—On Christmas eve!

I like to think that every heart is full of love tonight. And free of every ancient grudge That shuts it from the light! God give our hearts the gift of love. For no one ought to grieve On such a happy day as this—On Christmas eve!

Justly. "I picked a bum street. No business."

"What did you pay or agree to pay?"

"\$500."

"What will you sell for?"

"Can't sell until—" nodding toward the sheriff.

Holcomb counted out \$200, and passed it to the sheriff.

"Good-by," he snk. "Now what do you ask?" to the small man.

"I'd rather like \$300, but will be glad to accept half that."

Holcomb counted out the \$300.

"Give me the key," to the sheriff.

"Thank you. Now where can I find two men to move the toys?"

"I'll be one," beamed the man out of business. "I know about toys. And I can get another man from the next building."

"Do so, and I'll bring round my car from the next corner."

Inside of an hour the shop was emptied and the limousine filled. Then Holcomb took the most country of all the country roads, stopping at every house that showed signs of children.

"Hello-o," he would call to any small boy or girl he happened to see; "got some stuff for your house. Please take it in for me. I'm in a hurry. Give you a quarter."

He had provided a pocket heavy with loose quarters.

There were about three hours of daylight. When the daylight was gone the car was empty. He was glad of the darkness, for he had to go back by the same road.



"Santa's the Goodest Man"



MAKING HIS GIFT COUNT

By Frank Herbert Sweet

HOW much?" asked the girl in seal-skin coat, with pen poised above her pad. "Remember, it's for our annual bridge club dinner, and we want to outdo all previous efforts. Shall I put down, say \$200. There will be an orchestra and dancing before the collation. Such things lost. I'm already promised about \$2,000, and want \$2,000 more. Maybe you can manage \$500 this year."

Bob Henderson glanced toward a rather shabby girl who had slipped a few feet down the counter. He had been waiting on her when Miss Bristow pushed arrogantly in front of her. The girl was looking toward him. She had slid a piece of goods back on the counter.

"Beg your pardon, Miss Bristow," he said. "I am waiting on this young lady. I'll listen to you in a few moments."

Miss Bristow fluttered her eye-lids toward the girl. "The person can wait," she said superciliously. "She is used to it. Now?"

"I don't belong to the club, never been asked to it, wouldn't be considered eligible, and—"

She lifted her eyebrows. "You do not understand. Our set—"

"I understand all right. I'm wondering why I should help pay?"

"Because we trade with you—"

"Because I have the goods you want, rather."

"You don't seem to realize what an honor it is to be associated with our set even in a donation way," lily.

"How much shall I set down?"

"I'll be with you in a few moments," called Bob to the shabby girl—"or if you're in a hurry I'll end this meaningless talk at once."

"No—no, sir. I've got plenty of time," fluttered the girl.

"Thank you. Now, Miss Bristow," turning back and speaking crisply.

"Last year I gave you a hundred dollars for some charity that wasn't charity, it seems. The trade of your set was welcome; but more, I was young and—easy. This year my trade has been better, and I really can afford \$500 for charity—"

"Fine," she interrupted, though wincing at the word "charity." "Pay it now, or shall I mark it 'promise'?"

"Sorry, but I've been learning things since last year—about charity. Only this forenoon I went to the department store across the street for something, and stood watching the Christmas shoppers for a while, and—but you wouldn't understand a thing like this, Miss Bristow. Only it determined my growing resolution to make what I give count. Helping to feed and amuse a supposedly wealthy card club is not charity; it is foolishness."

"You—beast. You refuse anything?"

"Absolutely."

Miss Bristow swung toward the door.

"You will lose the trade of my set," she snapped.

"Better that than my self-respect," Bob answered quietly. "And the trade of your set, while welcome, is not essential. Good-by."

He went to the girl and began to enroll the pretty, gray piece of goods she had pushed back.

"About ten yards, I suppose?" he inquired. "I heard you mention that, usually, when you first looked at the goods. For your mother, perhaps, for Christmas."

"I've changed my mind. I will look at something cheaper."

"Considering quality, this is the cheapest goods I have. But I have a little story to tell first. Then I want you to help me. And you mustn't think me impertinent if I say things you won't like. You heard us talking just now?"

"Yes," wondering what was coming, "and I'll listen."

"Then you know my trade has been good enough to allow of a \$500 Christmas offering. I want to make it worth while, and I don't know how. You are familiar with the struggles of

The Glorious Life of the Christmas Tree

By Mary Graham Bonner

FIRST I was a beautiful tree growing in the woods. Then I became a handsome, decorated Christmas tree, and was admired by everyone.

I shall greet the New Year, and then, I hear I shall be burned in a splendid bonfire. So that I shall end my existence in a blaze of glory!

It is a glorious life that a Christmas tree leads.



shop girls, and with the pathetic side of Christmas buyers, Alice."

The girl looked startled. "I never saw you before," she exclaimed. "How do you know my name?"

"I don't, all of it—just Alice. That is why I used no other. Listen! I

went over to the department store this morning, as you heard. I

watched the shoppers. I saw children and women look at in-expensive things wistfully, then turn away. I

heard a tired-looking shop girl tell another that she wanted to get a crippled sister

to a doctor, but couldn't afford it. Five hundred dol-

lars would do real good there."

"Indeed," the girl's face lighted.

"I would, Mr. Henderson. I know that girl with a crippled sister. She sup-

ports her invalid mother and her small brothers and sisters, and sends some of them to school. And I know others.

"What wouldn't \$500 do?"

"I feel so, too, Alice. And you're just the one to do it."

"Me?" incredulously. "Why, you don't know me."

"Yes, I do. I was standing near the room manager when he called you up and discharged you. After you went

out I heard him say to some one, in a regretful way, that you were one of the best sales girls he ever had, but that you persisted in dressing so shab-

bly, in spite of repeated warnings, that he was forced to let you go. He wanted only attractively dressed girls."

Alice blushed scarlet. "I have so many to look after that it isn't right to waste on myself," she said in a low voice.

"I understand. I made inquiries about you, and find you are the girl I need. Now, I want you to work for me, Alice, but I shall give you the forenoons during the holidays to expand the \$500 wisely. You may keep a report to show me. Afternoons and evenings I shall want you here. The salary will be \$20 a week."

"I got only \$10 in the department store."

"I always pay \$20. A good girl is worth it. And, oh yes, you must dress nicely. I can take two or three dol-

lars from your wages each week to pay on the things you buy. You'll want at least two dresses for your-

self, with shoes, hat and other things. This dress for your mother, and what things you want for the children. You'll come?"

"Yes, indeed."

Tears were slipping down her cheeks. But they were happy ones.

Toys Best for Children

"Manipulation" toys are best for children between the ages of two and four; "dramatic" playthings best between four and six, and "construction" playthings, such as radio outfits, games or toys that teach the simpler branches of exact sciences and those which exercise and train the hands and brain in a somewhat advanced way are best.—George Newell Moran.

Artaban, Fourth Wise Man of the East

By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN

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ALTHAZAR, Melchior, Kaspar, who followed that bright Christmas star—

You know the tale of the Wise Men, who came bearing gifts from afar.

Here is the tale of Artaban, the Fourth Wise Man of the East.

Who saw not the Babe in the manger, but not of the four was the least; He stopped to succor one dying and lost his companions and way.

But ever he pressed his quest onward in hope, though alone and astray. And ever he nursed the ailing and ever the hungry he fed.

And ever he clothed the naked where-ever his wanderings led. One after another vanished the gifts he had brought for the King.

To save a slave girl from torment he cast down his last precious ring.

A Christmas Centerpiece

Use a small length of wood, about a foot, to represent a Yule log. Hollow it out and fill it with holly to recall the traditional log long popular in England and the colonies.

One Guess—Who's the Letter For?



The Indian's First Christmas

By Emily Burks Adams

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THE first Christmas to the Indians was through the government, and though simple at first, their Christmas today is replete with joy and revelry and very spectacular. (I speak especially of the Pawnees.)

A big council house has been built at Pawnee, Okla., in which to celebrate Christmas. The tribe assembles near, and is camped until after New Year. Christmas is the great event of the year, and a beautifully decorated tree is the feature. Gifts from tattered to automobiles are given; beavers are roasted, and feasting, dancing and singing are a part of the program.

It was only a few days until Christmas, and Eagle Eye, seeing palefaces at the agency, went to the store. Nathan Yale, a government employee, hailed him with, "Hi, Eagle Eye, meet our friends from Carlisle. You know my niece, Miss Yale, also Anita."

"Yes," said Eagle Eye; "I can't forget my teacher. Glad to see you, Miss Yale, and you, too, Anita."

"Yes, Eagle Eye," said Rachel, "Anita has returned to assist me with the Christmas program and you are to be my interpreter."

"Rachel," said Nathan Yale, "did you see Anita scowl? Remember the Indian's characteristic—they are yours if they like you; you are theirs if they don't."

Only two days until Christmas and Rachel and Eagle Eye were busy with the tree. They had toys and candy for the children, and beads and jewelry for the others, and the joy and excitement was not unlike our own as Christmas approaches. A program was to be given. A talking machine was to furnish the music, and a pile of logs in front of the lodge was for warmth and to light up the tree.

"Eagle Eye," said Rachel, "we need more mistletoe for our tree."

"Well, here's the mistletoe; let's go for some and we can stop at our traps."

As they neared the traps Eagle Eye said: "We have big heap turkey! I'll take them back and will catch you before you make the bill." He was off at Indian speed. Rachel started to mount but was jerked around and she stood face to face with Anita.

"Oh, Anita, you wouldn't hurt me! I'm your friend!" said Rachel.

"Eagle Eye took Rachel's hand. 'I promise,' he said.

The curtain was drawn and the whoops and yells expressed but mildly the joy of the first Christmas to the Indians.

Old Eagle Chief said: "Big heap day when Eagle Eye was born; he has brought us education, civilization and Christ."

A yell went up from the tribe: "Eagle Eye shall be our Chief! Eagle Eye shall be our chief!"

"Marry Her, Eagle Eye—One of Your Own Race."

love for you that prompted Anita, to do as she did. You felt the same toward Jim when you thought he was taking me from you. Don't you understand? You are educated; you're to lead your people. Promise me? This is Christmas, Eagle Eye, and we should have good will toward all. You will promise me?"

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As the Sculptor Sees Jolly Old Santa Claus



Saint Nicholas Tired of His Own Children

IN HIS book called "

FARM BUREAU NOTES

R. D. BAILEY
County Agricultural Agent

Did You See It?

That article in Saturday Evening Post by Senator Ladd of North Dakota, Senator Ladd is a chemist by profession, and was for quite a time, President of North Dakota Agricultural College, where his work in the interests of the farmers of his state was so much appreciated that they elected him United States Senator. Senator Ladd's article in the Post is a very clear showing as to why the great power at Muscle Shoals ought to be leased to Henry Ford and developed in the interest of the people, and not allowed to fall into the clutches of certain interests who wish to feed themselves fat off what belongs to the people. There must be a good reason why these big interests are so bitterly fighting the Ford offer. Senator Ladd plainly shows the errors in the articles recently written against the acceptance of the Ford offer and printed in the Post recently. How the publishers can furnish such a large and such a good magazine as the Post every week for only five cents a copy, beats me. Some numbers run as high as 228 pages. Let a person read the Post for a year and he will have some real information. How it would add to many of our farm homes!

In "The Michigan Patron," (Grange paper) in which Master A. B. Cook states that "the Grange will continue its tax reform fight until justice and equity are secured."

In same paper "Private Peat well known speaker, campaign veteran of the World War in painted words tells his own experience in sudden trenches and gas, and has come to believe that truth in education about war is the only abiding road to peace. He calls his lecture "Inexcusable Lie," the lie that in the past has been told children that war is glorious, romantic, chivalrous, heroic. He believes that there will be no more wars when children are taught to understand and abhor the actual, naked character of warfare.

In same paper: The effort of the

Grange to secure electric light and power for all.

Same paper: "One compensation of the open country is that there are less sights and sounds. Out in the quiet country homes we have more time to listen to other worlds. At this Christmas time, shall our minds and hearts be so filled with just living that we cannot take time to listen to the angel's song, and to see the Grange lecturer."

Michigan Farmer:

In issue of December 6, that article about Septic Tanks for sewage disposal on Farms? The out door toilet is usually a disgrace. Who will be the first Crawford County farmer to install a Septic Tank?

That the international egg laying contest at our Agricultural college closed the last day of November with the White Leghorns far in the lead. The winning pen produced at the rate of 262 eggs per hen for the year. All hens were cared for alike, and scientifically, by the poultry department of the college.

The college will hold a 4-week short course this winter on how to properly care for poultry to make money with them. Has not some family in our county a son or a daughter who can be sent to take advantage of these good things?

The Service Department in which legal questions are well answered for readers.

Valuable Poultry Notes by R. G. Kirby, a practical poultry man.

That grafting wood should be gathered this fall.

How to keep fresh meat in winter.

That article in which Professor Reed of the Dairy Department of our Agricultural college shows that dairy profits follow good breeding and good feeding.

That there were 20 Michigan farmers who were each able to produce a litter of pigs that weighed a ton when 180 days (6 months) old.

That takes skill in managing the mother and the pigs. That is putting brains into farming. Those who find farmwork monotonous, uninteresting or unprofitable would, if they are honest with themselves, probably find that they had probably never put much thought into farming.

That article in the December 13 Michigan Farmer showing how

valuable some black walnut trees would be on the farm to be coming along for old age, like an endowment insurance policy. I would add to that the planting one acre a year of the very choicest winter apples until there are five or six acres of them on the farm. Apple trees, properly set, require only 27 to the acre. There is a famine of choice winter apples in Crawford County.

Doing this planting would furnish the family the fruit it should have, and make a source of income for old. Yes sir, several hundred dollars worth of choice winter apples can be taken off five or six acres. Great life insurance for old age!

That Article on Sweet Clover for Sandy Soils.

Those short, snappy, readable, helpful sermons each week by Rev. N. A. McCune, who preaches in the People's Church just across the road from the Agricultural College. This church is composed of 17 denominations and does a great work.

That they are mapping the lands of the state, so that a stranger or a newcomer can buy intelligently, and not be skinned by the contemptible land sharks. Map will show good and poor points about land of each county.

The article on Professor Frank A. Spragg, plant breeder at our Agricultural college, and recently killed in an auto accident. In him the public loses more than through the death of any other man. The Red Rock wheat, Rosen Rye, Berkeley Rock wheat, Hardigan alfalfa, Robust bean, Wolverine oat, Black Barless barley, have added millions of dollars to the wealth of the state. Where is there another Professor Spragg growing up?

That, by discarding an old cream separator and securing a new one, A. J. Cramer saved 92 cents a day, or \$276 a year in the extra cream saved from the milk.

The Michigan Farmer is a valuable farm paper, written for Michigan conditions.

Country Gentleman.

Do you ever see it? A wonderful, weekly farm paper, published by a rich company that can afford to pay the price for authoritative articles. Every well informed farmer should

read it as part of his source of information. We have too many wise guys who can tell anyone and every one "all about it" who don't read anything worth while.

The Country Gentleman, coming 52 times a year, puts some backbone in to what a man knows.

Did you see in it recently that article on "Home Doctoring for Sour Land?"

The article "The Young Man Starting to Farm Now Need Never Fear for a Market." Worth reading.

"Why should Anyone Live in the Country." After reading it you will see the possibilities of your farm home better.

The page devoted to "Handy Farm Mechanics" is great. The page entitled "The Country Gentlewoman" will interest every woman.

The poultry articles are better than in regular poultry papers.

I wish you all could read the brilliant, beautiful article "In the Garden," by Frances Hodgson Burnett, in the Nov. 22nd number.

I wish I had a way of sending that article to every farm home.

Did you notice that article on "An Extra Dozen Eggs" in the same number? Also on page 7, how science is killing superstition among wide-awake farmers? "Canning Meat—The Year 'Round," on page 20.

The Country Gentleman contains the best of stories, inspiration and information.

Youth's Companion.

How I wish all boys and girls of the county might have the clean, wholesome, instructive, attractive Youth's Companion to read each week.

I venture to say it is the best young people's paper in the English language. What really good thing do the young people on our farms have to read? Something like the Youth's Companion is necessary to their best development while growing, and to establish the reading habit so they may be reading and broad-minded, open-minded citizens when grown.

It seems as though every mother would demand it for her children. What better than to give it now, as a Christmas present, a wholesome, visitant to the home 52 times a year.

The Farm Journal.

Brave little, sturdy, honest, helpful Farm Journal. Who can say he can-

not afford it? Four years for one dollar! One million three hundred thousand copies published this month. I have taken it 35 years, and have looked eagerly for every number. Boiled right down, and with the cleanest moral tone. Did you notice on page 25 of the December number, how to string a wire in the barn, so you can safely hang a lantern there? I copied that idea from the Farm Journal 25 years ago, and still use it. Did you notice the pretty way, on page 24, to display the farm name? Have you copied any of the Farm Journal's labor saving devices? I would have the Farm Journal or bust a tug.

Michigan Business Farmer.

A live wire farm paper; but, not all the farm paper alert, progressive farmer folks should take. However it should be in the list.

It's Farmers' Service bureau, "Handy Hiram's" department, short sermons, radio department, Publisher's Desk (which tells the farmer that might mislead us), Farm home page, Aids to good dressing and poultry department are snappy and very helpful.

Did you see in the Nov. 22nd issue "How I Would Grow Dad's Potatoes," one of the prize-winning essays at the recent Top O' Michigan Potato show, by Evelyn Carr? It contains the most advice in a few words on potatoes, growing that I have seen by any but specialists.

That little talk on page 9, Nov. 22nd, on "Your Own Name" is the best thing on the value of an untarnished name I have seen. It should be carefully read in school by teachers.

Hoard's Dairyman.

Here's the paper that, steadily read, will change the mere test-puller to an intelligent dairyman. It's America's leading dairy paper. It strikes to its text, and talks dairying in an authoritative, pleasant manner. Here you will find answers to your feeding problems. Here you will find what to do for the sick cow. Here you will find information on growing dairy feeds, keeping the soil in condition to grow them, and how others have succeeded. Here you will find plans for barn and milk houses.

Here, best of all, you will find inspiration and ideals that shall urge you onward.

Fathers.

Why don't you make yourself, wife, and children Christmas presents of some of these; or other papers, say Ladies' Home Journal, American, or Woman's Home Companion.

Mothers.

Why not make your husband a Christmas present of at least the Michigan Farmer, the Avalanche, and Hoard's Dairyman, and hold out some of the butter and eggs money and get the Youth's Companion for the children, and let Santa Claus know that you expect a magazine or two, and let him know which?

Children.

Why not ask for the Youth's Companion? Pride yourself on what you read.

The Avalanche.

The Avalanche should be in every farm home. Why not? It's your own county paper. It prints much that you need to know. The chance to know what others are doing is worth much. The notes by the County Agent are worth dollars to thoughtful farmers. Not to take and closely read your county paper is like crawling into a hole and pulling the hole in after you.

RAWEI DELIGHTS AUDIENCE.

Wherahiko Rawei, native Polynesian lecturer and raconteur, appearing as the third number on the Lyceum course presented this season by the Senior class, was well received, by a good size audience Tuesday evening.

Mr. Rawei's lecture telling of the arts and crafts, folklore, and customs of the dwellers of the South Sea Islands was wonderful. Mr. Rawei, who is of Polynesian birth early in his life was adopted by a British army officer and his wife, on their return to England and after the death of his foster parents he returned to his native home on the Samoan islands, where he lived for many years. The many interesting tales he told of the Samoan dwellers delighted his audience.

Mr. Rawei is very distinguished looking gentleman, and his visit to Grayling was very much enjoyed.

St. Mary's church will as usual observe the Christmastide with special services. Previous to the midnight mass, or between 11:30 and 12:00 o'clock there will be a musical program, composed of the nurses of Grayling Mercy hospital, with Miss Rose Cassidy at the organ; Miss Trudo will render a violin solo. At the midnight mass St. Mary's choir will sing the hymnal, the service closing with benediction. A low mass at eight o'clock Christmas morning will be for the children.

NOTICE.

There is an ordinance prohibiting the depositing of ashes, or rubbish of any kind in the streets, and the public have been cautioned again and again concerning this practice. Please take notice that hereafter anyone violating this law will be prosecuted.

Charles Fehr, Street Commissioner.

SOUTH BRANCH TAX NOTICE.

I will be at the Roscommon State Bank every Saturday through December, and on Jan. 3, 1925, if roads are passable for auto, to receive taxes. Will be at my home every Friday.

(Signed) James F. Crane, Twp. Treas.

12-11-2

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Bersteds Electric Cord Sets.....	.80
Electric Soldering Irons.....	2.10

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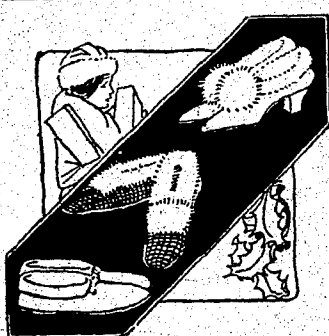
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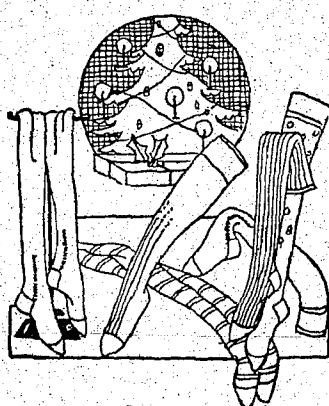
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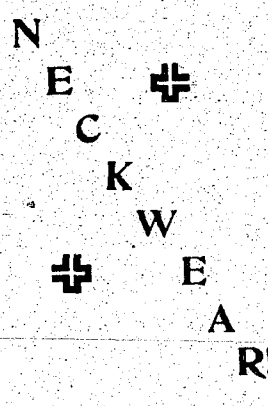


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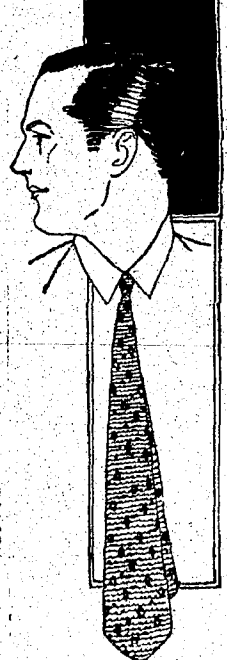
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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Grayling was held at the Court house in said village on the 1st day of December, 1924.

Present: R. D. Connine, president, Frank Sales, George W. McCullough, Dan Hoesli, C. O. McCullough, Geo. Burke.

Absent: M. A. Atkinson.
Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Report of the Committee On Finance, Claims and Accounts.

Dec. 1, 1924.

To the President and members of the Common Council of the Village of Grayling:

Your Committee on Finance, Claims and Accounts to whom was referred the several bills, respectfully recommend that the accompanying accounts be allowed as follows:

Phil Quigley, fire report	\$ 21.00
J. Nelson, labor on hydrants	10.00
J. Kleinhaus, labor on hydrants	7.00
Chas. Fehr, pay roll ending Nov. 6	59.80
J. W. Sorenson, Assessor service	106.00
George Burke, storage acct.	11.32

We have withheld report on the account of the Grayling Electric Co. for the month of October, pending an adjustment of the charge thereon.

Approved:

Frank Sales,
C. O. McCullough,
Geo. Burke,

Committee on Finance, Claims and Accounts.

Moved by Geo. W. McCullough supported by Dan Hoesli that the report of the Committee on Finance, Claims and Accounts be accepted, approved and adopted. Yea and Nay vote called. All members voting yea, motion carried.

Moved by Sales, supported by Burke that the chair appoint four members of this Board as a special committee, instructing them to procure and report on such information of every kind that they may be able to secure relative to matters pertaining to a proposal for construction of a water works system for this village and to submit such report at a date to be determined at the adjournment of this board. Motion carried.

Frank Sales, Geo. W. McCullough, Dan Hoesli and George Burke were appointed by the President as members of the special committee in accordance with the next previous motion.

Moved by C. O. McCullough, supported by Hoesli that the board adjourn until Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock on December, 8th, 1924. Motion carried.

Thereupon the board adjourned.
Chris Jensen, Village Clerk.

The Common Council of the Village of Grayling met at the Court house on the evening of Monday, December 8th, in adjourned session from the regular meeting of Monday, December 1st.

Present: R. D. Connine, president, G. W. McCullough, Dan Hoesli, C. O. McCullough, Frank Sales and George Burke.

Absent: M. A. Atkinson.

Board called to order by the chairman.

Report of Special Committee Under Appointment By the Village President.

To the Common Council of the Village of Grayling,
Gentlemen:

Your special committee appointed and under authority of the Common Council herewith respectfully report their findings relative to matters pertaining to information to be obtained regarding construction of a new water works system for this Village as directed.

In compiling the information herein contained we have considered several recommendations heretofore made and have given the matter a thorough investigation, that our recommendation and estimate of cost may be considered very close to the amount of actual cost as it might develop.

We have at hand the written report of the Michigan Inspection Bureau, dated February 16, 1921, to which is attached the record of inspection of the village by its representative in the year 1918. We found but very little variation in said report with conditions of the present system of the present date in respect of water supply, its source, distribution and quality. We find from this report, under the heading "MERCANTILE SECTION," as follows, in part:

MERCANTILE SECTION: Not seriously congested. Extends along Mich. Ave. about three blocks between M. C. R. R. and Spruce St. About twenty per cent of buildings of brick or cement construction. Average height, two stories. Highest building 30 ft. with two stories. Total of 73 buildings in mercantile section over an area of 136,600 sq. ft. Frame buildings occupy approximately 82 per cent of this area.

Under the heading Water Works, we find in part as follows:
WATER WORKS: Water available for fire flow approximately 500 gal. per minute, 29 per cent of standard requirements. Fire flow is limited by 6 in. supply main from water works to business section. Distribution system consists of about 2.3 miles of 3 in. to 6 in. mains and 15 double hydrants. System is deficient in size of mains, circulation, gate valve and hydrant spacing. Hydrants not maintained in good condition.

Your committee again considered of other reports of this nature which same was compiled by consulting engineers for this village during 1923. Of two reports on this proposition considered both are nearly parallel in their recommendation on plan, cost, as also in their findings on the inefficiency and undesirable features of the present system of source of supply, quality and distribution.

In presenting our estimate of cost of a new system, municipally operated, we have been unable to arrive at the amount through data secured from localities that have actually experienced a construction of this nature. A classification of such cost we submit as follows:

Pumping station	\$ 1,500.00
Wells	1,500.00
60,000 gal. tank, elevated	7,000.00
20 hydrants	1,500.00
10,000 ft. 6 in. main, iron	18,000.00
2,700 ft. 8 in. main, iron	6,750.00
Pumping equipment	3,750.00
Total	\$40,000.00

Items of mains include cost of labor and materials.

Reviewing this tabulation, details of specifications have been but partially worked out, but same represents in a general way the extent of financial outlay as nearly as can be determined at this time.

We believe that inquiry from any authoritative source would reveal but very little variation from this figure, with but a slight chance of increase. It may develop that our estimate is excessive in some items of our classification while others may not reach the exact cost as classified, a condition which would automatically adjust itself and not alter the total amount of the estimate as reported.

We are prepared to carry out the matter of detail on this proposition in event it is placed before the people and accepted, having the assurance of capable and efficient assistance at our disposal.

Concerning the reports to which we have referred, the same are preserved and will be placed on file with the Village clerk.

In conclusion, we therefore submit the matter herein contained and await your further pleasure, unless discharged from further consideration thereof.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed:
Geo. W. McCullough,
Frank Sales,
Dan Hoesli,
Geo. Burke.

Dated at Grayling, Mich.,
December 8th, 1924.

Moved by Sales, supported by Burke that the report of the committee above be accepted as read. Motion carried.

RESOLVED, That, Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of law wherein villages are empowered to hold special elections when said special elections are properly authorized by and with the concurring vote of a majority of the members of the common council thereof, and,

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable

to proceed with some suitable action for the express purpose of creating a fund to be established in addition to those already established and separate therefrom for the purpose of providing finances for a municipal purpose, and,

WHEREAS, the said authority is obtained, under the law, by submitting to the qualified electors of the village for their approval, the proposition for which such fund is to be created, and,

WHEREAS, the specific amount so required for such municipal purpose as herein referred to, will not exceed in the aggregate total of \$40,000.00, of which amount it is proposed to be and shall be expended for the purpose of construction, laying and completing an adequate water works system, and,

WHEREAS, it is deemed expedient and for the best interest of this village to be so equipped that it becomes necessary that the said proposition be referred to the qualified electors of the village of Grayling for their approval of disapproval, as may be.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that,

1. A special election of the qualified electors of the Village of Grayling be and is hereby authorized to be and hereby is called to be held at the regular polling place in said village of Grayling, which said special election shall be held on Monday the 12th day of January, 1925.

2. That the Village Clerk be and is herewith authorized, instructed and directed to issue the necessary notice of such special election in the manner provided by law for the issuing of notices of special elections, and that the same shall be given at least fifteen full days before the holding of such special election, by posting notices of registration and election in the regular polling place and in ten other public places within the village of Grayling, and by publishing a copy of such notice twice prior to such election, which first publication of said notice shall be at least fifteen full days prior to the holding of said special election, in Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and having a general circulation within the Village of Grayling, and which notice shall set forth the purpose and object of the election as fully as they are required to be set forth.

3. That the Board of Registration for the Village of Grayling be and is hereby authorized and directed to be held in the manner and form, and at the time and place prior to such election as is provided under the law for holding the Board of Registration.

4. That the form of such notice of said election shall be in substantially the following form:

Notice of Special Village Election.
To the Electors of the village of Grayling:

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Grayling, held on the eighth day of December, 1924, as adjourned from the first day of December, 1924, the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, that, the question of the Authorization to the Village Council of the Village of Grayling to create a fund for the express purpose of construction, laying out and completing a new water works system for the village of Grayling, shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the said village of Grayling at a special election to be held on Monday, the day of January, 1925, and a special election is hereby called to be held in the Village of Grayling aforesaid on the day last above mentioned for the taking of such vote. Notice is further that the question will be stated on the ballots to be used at said election as follows:

Shall the Common Council of the village of Grayling be authorized to create a fund for the express and direct purpose of construction, laying out and completing a new water works system for the village of Grayling, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 by taxation to be spread over a period of the next two years, on the taxable property of the village of Grayling.

5. The form to be used at such special election shall be in substantially the following form.

Shall the Common Council of the

village of Grayling be authorized to create a fund for the express and direct purpose of construction, laying out and completing a new water works system for the village of Grayling, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 by taxation to be spread over a period of the next two years, on the taxable property of the village of Grayling.

6. That such notice shall include all the items enumerated above and shall be signed by the Village clerk.

7. That the proper affidavits of the publication and posting of such registration and election notices shall be executed and filed in the office of the Village Clerk.

8. That the canvass of the result of the vote thereon at said election shall be made in accordance with the provisions of law.

9. That the polls of such election shall be open from seven o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon on the day of holding such election.

Moved by Burke supported by McCullough that the resolution be accepted, approved and adopted. Yea and Nay vote called. Yea, Geo. W. McCullough, D. Hoesli, C. O. McCullough, Frank Sales, Geo. Burke. Nays, none. Absent, M. A. Atkinson.

Moved by Geo. W. McCullough supported by Sales that the Board adjourn. Motion carried.

Chris Jensen,
Village Clerk.

NOTICE.

I will be at my home in Frederic Friday of each week during months of December and January to receive payment of taxes. C. S. BARBER, 12-4-3 Treas. Frederic Township.

THE SUNSHINE MISSION.

The Redeeming Love Sunshine mission wishes to give a hearty invitation to one and all, for the meeting on Sunday the 21st. Sunday school at 10.00 a.m. Prayer meeting on Friday night at 7 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harder. Also a religious program which is to be given on December 25th at 7 p. m. Please remember this, and come and enjoy the great Gift of God which is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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